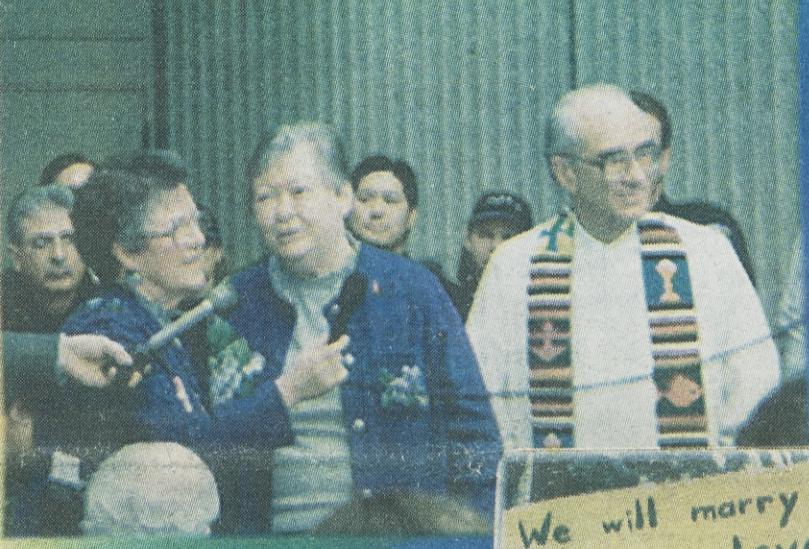


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# UNDER THE DOME

## New Congresswoman Emits Hope

**R**eporter Deb Price of The Detroit News wrote that our nation's capital is sinking ever deeper in the stagnant swamp of its own cynicism and destructiveness. Yet in that unlikely environment, something fresh, exciting and wonderfully encouraging has just begun to blossom. It's the national political career of Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin.

Sworn into office January 6, Baldwin gives all Americans a reason to feel good again about our representative democracy; a promising public servant has advanced to higher office based on the strength of her leadership, experience and vision. Voters in Wisconsin's 2nd House District refused to allow the fact that Baldwin is a lesbian to hold her back. At 36, Baldwin is the first gay member of Congress to come out before winning a first term. She is Congress' first uncloseted lesbian. Plus, she is the first woman whom her state has ever elected to Congress.

Baldwin, whose grin radiates optimism, is justifiably delighted that her triumph bolstered faith in our political system. "One thing I am most proud of is making people believe you can elect somebody who other people think can't win. Because this is a democracy. And in a democracy, we're the ones who decide what's possible," she says. Baldwin's victory is welcome evidence that there's no lasting limit to what openly gay Americans can achieve professionally. Every barrier will one day fall. But the significance of Baldwin's election to the House isn't that it inspires those of us who are gay. It offers encouragement to everybody who fears that some irrelevant characteristic, like race or religion, means a particular public office is out of their reach. If a lesbian can win a seat in Congress, a Hispanic boy can more easily dream of being president. An amazing 3,000 volunteers helped the Democratic Baldwin capture a House seat being vacated by a Republican. Quite a few were mothers or fathers who brought their daughters to see - as Baldwin puts it - "that every door can be open for them".

In coming to Washington, D.C., Baldwin moved from the fairly gay-friendly Wisconsin Legislature to a Congress led by far-right Republicans hostile to basic gay civil rights, such as protection against job discrimination. Yet, ironically, in Wisconsin, she was the only openly gay lawmaker, whereas in the U.S. House, she's serving alongside gay Reps. Barney Frank, D-Mass., and Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz. She is new generation - two decades younger than Frank and Kolbe. Like any House freshman, Baldwin is busily adjusting. She plans to focus her energy on working full health coverage for all and improving education. She has landed seats on the budget committee as well as the judiciary committee, where Rep. Frank's impeachment performance showcased his intelligence and wit.

Baldwin is putting together a staff of 15, a tenfold increase for her. She hasn't figured out her Washington housing, so she's renting month-to-month. When back in Wisconsin, she lives with her partner of three years, environmental attorney Lauren Azar. There is bit of a rift, though - their cats don't get along. The young and vivacious Baldwin likes being suited up for business. "When Lauren comes in from her job, she immediately sheds the pumps. She will look at me at 10 o'clock at night and say, 'Tammy, you are still wearing your dress suit.' And I'll say, 'I know. That's what I'm happy in,'" Baldwin says.

News of Baldwin's dramatic breakthrough is already helping to produce the next generation of gay officeholders, says Kathleen DeBold of the Victory Fund, which assists gay candidates. "We're already getting phone calls from young people in college saying, 'Can you help me? I want to run for office.' They are inspired by Tammy," DeBold explains. Helping revive the politics of hope is Tammy Baldwin's first act as a member of Congress. Info: letters@detnews.com▼

### Youth Pride Day: Washington, D.C.

The third annual Youth Pride Day will take place on Saturday April 17, 1999 in Dupont Circle Park in Washington D.C. Christopher Dyer, President and Founder of Youth Pride Alliance hopes that by creating a non-judgmental space for a day we will empower all our youth to lead happier, healthier, and safer lives. Community leaders interested in speaking and entertainers can call (703)518-0631. Info: www.youthpride.org▼

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Elk Grove Community Planning Advisory Council	2/5/99	1 religious entity
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Human Services Coordinating Council	Open Filing	6 residents of the area (nom by 5th District Supervisor)
Maternal Child & Adolescent Health Advisory Board	Open Filing	1 residents of area
Natomas Community Planning and Advisory Council	2/5/99	2 residents (nom by 5th District Supervisor)
North Highlands/Foothill Farms CPAC	Open Filing	3 residents of area
Physically Handicapped Appeals Board	2/5/99	2 residents
Red Tape Task Force Business Advisory Board	Open Filing	2 residents
Rio Linda/Elverta Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing	1 consumer/parent children's org.
Sacramento Commission of History & Science	2/5/99	1 consumer/adolescent/parent Adolescent
Sacramento County Mental Health Board	Open Filing	2 residents of the area (noms by Dist. 1 Supervisor)
Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission	Open Filing	1 construction seat
South Sac Area Community Planning Advisory Cmte	Open Filing	5 residents of area (nom by each supervisorial dist.)
Southeast Area Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing	6 residents of area (nom by 1st Dist.)
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		1 practicing artist
		5 residents of area
		4 residents of area (noms by Dist. 5 Supervisor)
	2/5/99	1 seat
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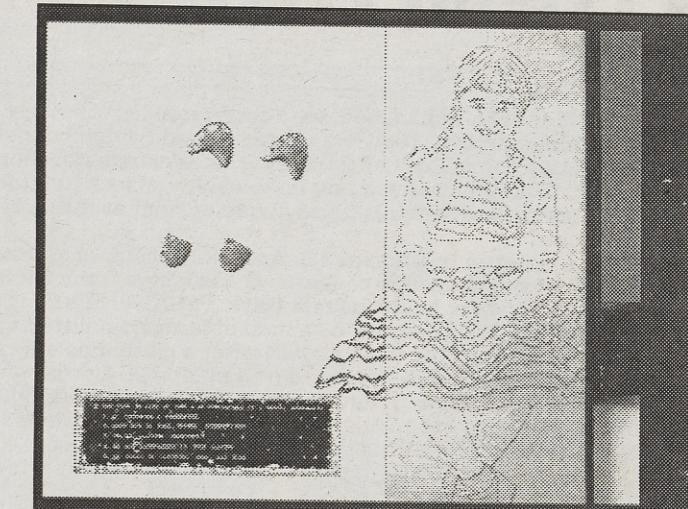
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Anyone who has graduated from a university or four-year college by June, 1999, may apply. There is no preferred major, and there is no need to be a recent graduate. Individuals with advanced degrees are also urged to apply. Associates receive a stipend of \$1,792 per month plus health and dental benefits. Those interested may get applications from the office of a State Senator or the Senate Rules Committee, State Capitol, Room 400, Sacramento, California 95814. Eighteen Associate positions are awarded in May. Awards are made after an initial screening of applications and a panel interview of semifinalists. The program begins in October, 1999. The deadline for submitting applications to the program is February 17, 1999.▼

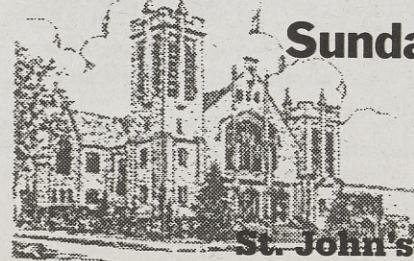


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### Himovitz: Great Show! Don't Miss It!

The Himovitz Art Gallery is featuring three women artists at the Building on the Boulevard, 1616 Del Paso Blvd. #3, behind Port E Rouge Restaurant. Above is part of Lynn Criswell's "Parables" show, called *Catch A Monkey By Its Toe*, 1997-98, oils, cast bronze, and aluminum, lead, and plaster on panels.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## A Friend Passes...

by Judy Ludwick  
MGW/Staff

**R**ev. Merrill M. Follansbee, who conducted his first Holy Union ceremony for a same gender couple in 1984, was remembered by family, friends and members of the lesbian and gay community on January 16 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown Sacramento. That afternoon, a few blocks away, across Capitol Park at the Convention Center Theater, Merrill's spirit and his legacy were evident at the Holy Union of Ellie Charlton and Jeanne Barnett.

From his respected position as the Assistant Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church from 1982 to 1995, Rev. Follansbee co-founded and chaired, the Sacramento Chapter of Parents and Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). Merrill is remembered by those who knew him, including Ellie and Jeanne, as a man of faith, committed to the civil rights of all people.

He died on January 1 at the age of 81 after a distinguished career serving as pastor of several Presbyterian congregations in Corning, Pasadena, El Cerrito and Napa. A delegate to the White House Conference on Aging, Rev. Follansbee was honored by the River City Democratic Club in 1990 for dedication to advancing the lesbian and gay community.

**M**errill and Muriel, his beloved wife of 50 years, co-founded PFLAG in told them he was missed much of their son's life help other parents, families and formed a local chapter.

Jean Hansen, the other co-founder of PFLAG, the personal experience of her that people need support during concerned" that people would recalled. However, "I realized change, and I wanted to be part PFLAG, we work to face people's views when we can, in

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**W**ill Green, M.D., who with PFLAG for 14 always sought

fundamentalists or the closeted personality. Early on at meetings, we had more fundamentalist counter-attacks and more parents dealing with their own religious dogma, and the schism between parent and child." Merrill was effective speaking about "what the Bible says and what the Bible does not say, and his personal testimony."

"I've seen gradual growth" in people's attitudes, in PFLAG. "If this is representative, I think PFLAG has helped bring about change," Dr. Green added.

Ellie Charlton and Jeanne Barnett, whose lesbian Holy Union made them the focus of national attention, met Merrill and Muriel Follansbee at a PFLAG meeting 16 years ago. When the schedule at First Methodist Church made it necessary for PFLAG to find another meeting place, Ellie and Jeanne arranged for the group to meet at St. Marks Methodist Church "as a mission activity" so there is no fee.

**S**haring their experiences over the years, in the Methodist and Presbyterian churches respectively, Ellie and Jeanne, and Merrill and Muriel agreed that bringing about change within the church was "a long path but a path worth taking. It was unfortunate that the Memorial Service was on the sixteenth, but we felt he was with us in spirit."

Others have spoken about Merrill "always marching in the Gay Pride Parades in Sacramento, then in San Francisco... Appearing at the Capitol on behalf of lesbian, gay and other civil and human rights... Staffing the PFLAG booth at the Freedom Fair... "He always had the good thought..." Stephen Follansbee, in his eulogy at Westminster Methodist Church, said "our family enjoyed putting together jigsaw puzzles. We did the outside first, then sections outlining specific themes or ideas. Then the islands would become joined. Dad's life was like that puzzle and many of you are a piece of that puzzle."

"The challenge today," he continued, "is for all of us to do something different, now that the puzzle is complete. The way he lived his life empowers each of us to be a little kinder, a little gentler, a little more open, to study more. His life and his love remain intact for us. We each have the will to choose what we will do with his gifts."

## PFLAG Is There For You

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), which promotes health and well being of lesbians, gay men, and bisexual and transgendered persons, meets the third Tuesday of each month at St. Marks Presbyterian Church, St. Marks and Lusk Drive in Sacramento. Educational programs alternate with a quarterly "Rap Session" facilitated by Will Green, psychiatrist, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room on the second floor of the educational complex.

The Sacramento Chapter, founded 17 years ago, has a Speakers Bureau and initiated its successful "Save A Life, Buy A Book" campaign five years ago. Prior to the inception of the Lambda Center's classes, PFLAG conducted "Coming Out" workshops.

The March 17 meeting will be a "Rap Session." Dr. Green, encouraging new parents and lesbians and gay men to attend, clarified, "this is not a therapy group, but I do consider them therapeutic experiences" for participants. "I have seen major transformation" in the lives of participants, in terms of coming out to their families and being open to themselves, he said. "Lesbians and gay men work through shame and guilt, to hear parents and friends say 'you're OK, and you bring specialness to my life.'"

PFLAG members - 70,000 of them in 400 communities in the United States and 11 other countries - promote health and well being through the following:

Support, to cope with an adverse society;

Education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and

Advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure civil rights.

Sacramento area PFLAG activities include the "Save A Life, Buy A Book" (SALBAB) campaign, which in the past five years has gathered donations to buy contemporary gay literature for area public libraries. PFLAG has gifted 12 complete sets of 10 or 11 books since its inception. Individual donations or in memory of Rev. Follansbee may be mailed c/o Sacramento PFLAG, P.O. Box 661855, Sacramento 95866.

For information about how to get involved in or support the local PFLAG effort, call Jean Hansen, Interim Co-Chair, at 916/489-3233, or call the HelpLine at 916/978-0410. Information about national and international PFLAG can be accessed on the Internet, [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org).

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Social and Sexual Taboos Fall in Cloud 9

Taboos are not often spoken of in polite society. They are instead left to fester and hide in the shadows. It is only when they are brought out in the open, however, that they can be examined and dealt with. This is the tact Caryl Churchill takes in her award winning play *Cloud Nine* being presented by the Lambda Players.



John Merrill, John David Rambo, Sonya Tunstall and Rebecca FaGalde in the Lambda Players' *Cloud Nine*, play at 8pm on February 5-20, at the 24th Street Theater, at 2791 24th Street. Info: 484-4742

"No punches are pulled in this raucously funny play where taboos are viewed from a wonderfully satirical and socially questioning eye," said Lambda Players Artistic Director Michael Jackson. "Set in Colonial Africa and modern day England, *Cloud Nine* looks at race relations, pedophilia, bi-sexual incest, homosexuality and adultery, bringing a uniquely British perspective and sense of humor to these issues." *Cloud Nine* is the third offering in The Lambda Players 10th Anniversary Season. It is being directed by Thomas Bach and features Sacramento actors John David Rambo, Maureen Gaynor, Rand Martin, John Merrill, Sonya Tunstall, Steve Buri and Rebecca FaGalde. *Cloud Nine* plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, February 5-20 and will be performed at the 24th Street theatre, located at 2791 24th Street. Info: 484-4742. ▼

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Weave began on September 12th and will be known for retail thrift with a boutique like atmosphere. The Suited for Success program assists women who are re-entering the work force by providing interview-dress attire and then providing coordinating clothing with this same outfit, so they might have a professional appearance for an entire week. Weave is a multifaceted organization attempting to combine social service, retail, culture and community involvement to create a successful business for all involved regardless of what reasons might exist. Come by and visit the store located at 919 20th Street in Midtown Sacramento. Info: 448-2321/Crisis line 920-2952. ▼

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## It Was A Feast!



Terry Sidie and staff brought in the New Year with a grand buffet including a whole suckling pig, turkey, Chinese duck, beef, salmon, and chilled shrimp!!!

## Front Runners Run in the California International Marathon

by James Brown  
MGW/Staff

To any runner completing a marathon is the ultimate achievement. And for Front Runners, Sacramento the list of runners who have participated in one or more of these twenty-six plus mile runs is enough to make our gay and lesbian community quite proud. Just this year alone close to twenty of us ran the California International Marathon right here in Sacramento.

Only a handful, Lisa Schamaun, BeeBee Laguana, and Dennis Gunvelson ran the Marathon solo. The remaining sixteen members of FrontRunners also ran the marathon, but did it in relay teams. It was a perfect compromise because almost any runner could participate in the whole marathon experience, as long as that runner could either successfully run a ten kilometer or the anchor twelve kilometer distance.



The California International Marathon brought out Frontrunners: Saul Arcos, Brien Lew, Nathan Schmidt, Leon

Training could be kept at a minimum and injury was much less likely. The first runner began the race sat the start up in Folsom and ran the equivalent of 6.2 miles to the first exchange position. At that pre-conceived exchange point runner number two takes over and runs his or her 6.2 mile leg, and so on until the last runner finishes his or her final seven mile distance to complete the race. One of our teams, FrontRunners 1, ran a very respectable 2:51:10 pace to come in eighth overall.

Running a marathon solo is the ultimate goal of any distance runner. But running a marathon as part of a relay team is equally rewarding, and with little of the accompanying pain and misery associated with the training regimen. And best of all, it allows a greater number of our members to participate. ▼

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# WIRE NEWS BYTES

## American Gay Man Suffering From Amnesia Causes Sensation

James, as he is known, is certain that he is from the United States. But without papers, he is not allowed to cross the border. Gay Line, a Montreal base listening and referral service for gays, lesbians and bisexuals, is making a community appeal to queer media outlets in the United States to cover this anyone who recognizes him will help unlock the secret of his identity. James woke up beside a downtown Montreal dumpster in a deserted parking lot with no memory of how he got there or what country he was in. So far all attempts to find out his past have not resulted in uncovering any solid clues. The local gay newspaper in Montreal put out a notice in hopes that someone might be able to help with any useful information. ▼

## National Freedom to Marry Day

National Freedom to Marry Day which will be on February 12, 1999 is a day to raise awareness about the reality of our relationships and families and the injustice of being denied full access to family law through civil marriage. ▼

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## UCD Researcher Praised

The Sacramento Bee reported that UC Davis researcher, Gregory M. Herek, was among national, local figures and group rated in the annual World AIDS Day Report Card issued by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund Inc. A research psychologist, Herek received an A for a study he presented in July at the World AIDS Conference in Geneva. The study found that, despite increased AIDS information efforts, many Americans remain uncomfortable around people with the disease and have misconceptions about how it is spread. "Herek's study is a telling symptom of the large-scale failure of state and national public health officials to deal in a meaningful way with HIV prevention," said Lambda executive director Kevin McCathcart. The group also gave an A to then-Governor-elect Gray Davis for supporting fair policies toward people with HIV during his election campaign. Based in New York, Lambda advocates civil rights for gays, lesbians and people with HIV or AIDS. The group issued its report card in advance of World AIDS Day. ▼

## Columbus Offers Domestic Partner Benefits

The Columbus City Council passed legislation that will provide domestic partners of unmarried city employees with health-care benefits. This vote also includes unmarried opposite-sex partners. The entire city council as well as Mayor Greg Lashutka, the Police, Fire and AFL-CIO Unions gave support. ▼

## Jeff Stryker Making Major Motion Picture

Adult industry icon, Jeff Stryker, star of the hit prison comedy, "Jeff Stryker Does Hard Time," continuing its sold out run at the St. Genesius Theatre in West Hollywood has begun filming "I Love You So Much I Could Eat You." The film is slated to premiere at the Cannes Film Festival in 1999. Long known for his adult video work, Stryker continues to make a transition onto the Big Screen, establishing himself as a professional, mainstream actor. ▼



Jeff Stryker

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## National Gay Pilots Association Awards Scholarship to Two Pilots

The National Gay Pilots Association has awarded \$2,000 scholarships to two members. "We want to encourage members of the community to consider a career as a pilot," said Robert Moore, Executive Director. "These two individuals have demonstrated an intense interest in a career in the cockpit, a willingness to work hard and an aptitude for flying." The first recipient is Paul R. (Randy) Hill, of San Jose, CA. Hill graduated in December 1998 from San Jose State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. Already a Private Pilot, he is advanced flight training in flight school in Oakland. The second recipient is Christoph Philipp, who is originally from Switzerland but now resides in West Hollywood. Philipp, who holds a Private Pilot certificate, graduated in December from Loyola Marymount University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Philipp is currently completing his training for Commercial and Instrument Pilot certificates. After graduation from LMU, he will begin studies for a Masters Degree in Aeronautical Science in Prescott, Arizona. The deadline for applications is April 30, 1999. Info: 703-660-3852, [www.ngpa.org](http://www.ngpa.org).



Randy Hill of San Jose, was one of two gay pilots who received scholarships from the National Gay Pilots Association

## Dan Lungren is Behind Anti-Gay Marriage

On April 23, 1997 Dan Lungren defeated Governor Candidate and joined 9 other Attorney Generals from Nebraska, Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina and South Dakota, to file an amici curiae brief with the Hawaii Supreme Court opposing same sex marriage. Lungren's brief ended with this statement: "Legalizing same-sex marriage would be extremely divisive, impair interjurisdictional recognition of Hawaii marriages and related legal benefits, and severely strain Hawaii's relations with the other forty-nine states and the federal government. The State of Hawaii has a compelling interest in avoiding such consequences." California residents need to encourage Attorney General Bill Lockyer to remove California from the Lungren's brief. Encourage Lockyer to write the Hawaii Supreme Court to have California removed. To contact Attorney General Bill Lockyer's office: <http://caag.state.ca.us/piu/mailform.htm>, or phone 324-5205. ▼

## Equality Begins At Home

A week of coordinated actions in every state and territory around the country March 21-27, 1999, Equality Begins At Home will focus on organizing and educating at the state level. With initiative and referenda from Colorado to Maine, attacks on GLBT families and youth from California to Georgia, and the right wing organizing more furiously than ever, we must build our state movement. Equality Begins At Home is a tremendous opportunity to bring together youth activists, state and local organizers, and community allies to strengthen our efforts in states and create a more powerful network across the country. INFO: Equality Begins At Home, Dan Church, Michigan EBAH, Field Coordinator, Triangle Foundation, 19641 West Seven Mile Rd, Detroit, MI 48219-2721, (313)-537-3323, [Dannyc69@aol.com](mailto:Dannyc69@aol.com) ▼

## Unitarian Universalists to Gather in Atlanta

The fifteenth annual continental convocation of Interweave (Unitarian Universalists for GLBT concerns) will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, February 26-28. The keynote speaker will be Urvashi Vaid, Director of the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. A separate program for you will be conducted at the First Existential Congregation. The Unitarian Universalist Association is generally considered to be the most "welcoming" of GLBT. ▼

## League of Cities Calls for Action

The Nation League Of Cities ended its 75th annual conference Saturday by electing a new president and passing numerous resolutions, including support for hate crimes legislation and the fight against the millennium bug. ▼

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## "Skylight" Runs Through February 7 at the Sacramento Theater Company

by Joanne Burkett  
MGW/Staff

**T**ime and politics have a way of changing people, rearranging their values and redirecting their passions—at least for one of the protagonists in David Hare's award-winning play, "Skylight," running through Feb. 7 at the Sacramento Theatre Company. Victor Pappas, associate artistic director of the Intiman Theatre of Seattle, ably directs a talented cast of three.

Kyra, played by Gina Nagy, put her six-year affair with her former married employer behind her nearly 20 years ago and has dedicated her life to teaching at a school deep in the slums of London. She hasn't seen her lover, Tom Sergeant, (Frank Corrado) since, and now, here is Tom's son (Cully Johnson) at her door, telling her of his mother's death the year before and begging her to return and save his distraught father from the despair he has fallen into. Shocked at his sudden appearance and disturbed more than she would like to admit, she refuses to commit herself, sending young Edward on his way. The memories remain.

The affair was a complicated arrangement. Teenaged Kyra admired Alice Sergeant, all the while falling in love and conducting a passionate affair with her husband, an exciting, self-made man with working class roots. But, then she went away, educated herself and threw herself into the job of saving young minds and here she is 20 years later, living neatly in near poverty in an apartment no one else wanted. But she feels fulfilled, useful.

Another knock, and here's Tom, filling her doorway, then pacing her modest, but neat apartment, soon beseeching her to come back, all the while polishing off the expensive bottle of whiskey he has brought as a gift. Swagging,

still charming. Aghast that Kyra can be so oblivious to the squalid environment and complete lack of material comforts she has chosen for

others, she wonders. She pours herself another glass of wine and stirs the pot of spaghetti she's cooking. He pours yet another glass of whiskey. They

anger? What would you do? With talent to burn, Corrado and Nagy turn in dynamic performances. Corrado, who reprises the role he performed



"Skylight" Playing at the Sacramento Theater Company

herself. No working class life for him—he's now a well-heeled, middle-aged yuppie through and through and damned proud of it! Go with him and she, too, can have it all. Why does she want to waste herself and her talents on children who don't have a chance in hell of overcoming their environment, he asks. How can he be so self-centered, so given to the trappings of his wealth and oblivious to the suffering of

banter, but the bites are deep. The drinks continue to flow. The conversation becomes more and more heated, kindling long-hidden feelings of betrayal as well as their pent-up passion for each other. It's the anger and the hopelessness, as well as the passion that propels them into the bedroom where they try to recapture the past. Does it work; can they sort through their differences? Can they put away the past, the guilt and the

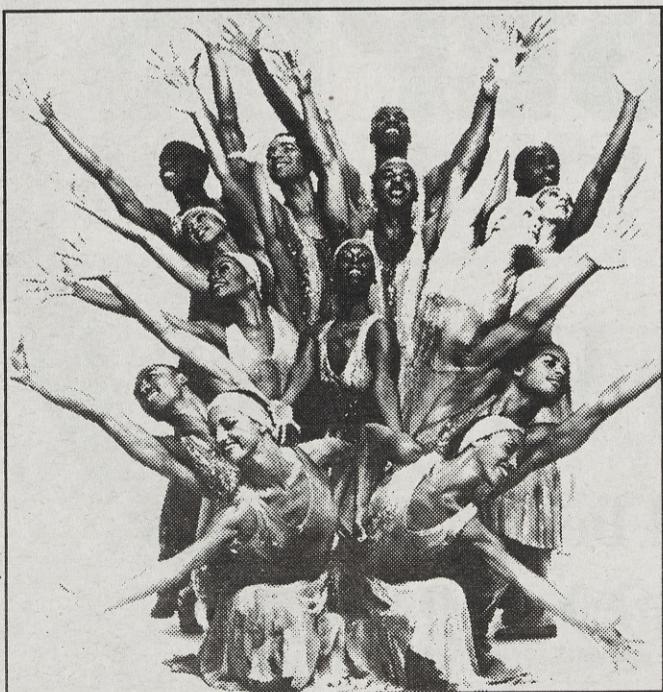
last season at Berkeley Rep, breathes Burtonesque passion, heat and angst into the role of Tom. You'll not go away untouched. "Skylight" continues with performances daily, except Monday, through Feb. 7. Tickets run \$13 to \$28. For more information, call the box office at 443-6722. Sacramento Theatre Company is located at 1419 H St. ▼

## Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater to Perform at Community Center

**T**he Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, called "the Rolls-Royce of American dance" by *The Los Angeles*

*Magazine*, they are now celebrating their fortieth anniversary season. The dance company was born when Alvin

heritage and that would celebrate the uniqueness of black cultural expression. To that end, Ailey's earliest works as a choreographer—*Blues Suite* (1958) and *Revelations* (1960)—were based in the black church experiences of his youth, while many of his later creations incorporated the music of Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and Otis Redding. The group will perform two programs: Tuesday, February 16, includes *Streams* (choreographed by Alvin Ailey), *Song For You* (Ailey), *Episodes* (Ulysses Dove) and *Revelations* (Ailey); Wednesday, February 17, includes *Slaves* (George Faison), *Polish Pieces* (Hans Van Manen) and *Revelations*. In addition to these performances, there will also be a free pre-performance lecture on Tuesday, February 16, at 7 pm by Ray Tadio, UC Regents Lecturer, choreographer, dancer and teacher. INFO: (530) 752-1915. ▼



Alvin Ailey Dance Theater Runs Through February 7

Times, will perform Tuesday and Wednesday, February 16-17, at the Sacramento Community Center Theater, 1301 L Street. The performances begin at 8 pm and are part of UC Davis Presents AT&T Landmark Series. Featuring "some of the most gifted and charismatic performers on earth" (*New York*

Ailey, a young choreographer from Texas, assembled a group of young black modern dancers for a New York City performance. Ailey had a vision for his new dance company. He hoped to create an ensemble that was dedicated to the preservation and enrichment of the American modern dance

## Punchline Holds an AIDS Benefit With Will Durst

America's premier political comic Will Durst, will be appearing on Sunday February 14th at 8:30PM at the Punchline Comedy Club. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. Info: (916) 443-5210 ▼

## Casting Call for Rent

"Rent" producers are looking for men and women of all ethnicities in their early to mid-20's. The directors are looking for rock'n roll, R&B and gospel singers. No experience necessary. Auditions are on Tuesday February 9th from 10:AM to 5:PM in San Francisco at the Hotel Monaco, 501 Geary St. You should bring a photo and resume and prepare 16 bars of upbeat pop/rock/gospel music to sing without piano. Absolutely no musical theatre or country music songs. Bring a walkman and dress casual. Info: (212) 479-0833. ▼

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## ENTERTAINMENT

# Romeo and Juliet Produced in Three Bizarre Ways

Howard Zochlinski  
MGW/Staff

The UC Davis Department of Theatre and Dance presented three variant performances of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet: an all-female cast version, an all-male cast version and a sexually mixed but gender appropriate version. They were done as a farce as opposed to drama. Let me now revert to my postmodern New York Jewish intellectual upbringing.

Shakespeare's plays, quite often, are not dramas as much as dramedys, designed to appeal to the mass audiences of their day. Like their modern counterparts - television programs such as Ally McBeal, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, or Xena - they include sex, gender confusion, violence, relationship problems and pain, ridicule and rebellion against authority and all the other matters that make life what it is. By re-casting in single sex mode, subtleties and themes can be revealed that might be missed if only the expected was presented. I was thus surprised that Mercutio's implied gay relationship with Romeo, something a same sex cast could have had a field day with in a farce, was ignored. However, the all-female cast obviously relished the opportunity to skewer male demeanor and macho banter. Their cuttingly deconstructive use of bladed weapons to emphasize the phallic posturing

added much humor while scoring social points. The men playing the female roles in the all-male cast did not seem to attack their roles with equal relish, with one notable



UC Davis Department of Theater and Dance presented three versions of Romeo and Juliet

exception. Further deconstruction of social patriarchy was provided by having the women who played the male roles shorter than the men who played the male roles. Also, seeing it as a farce allowed one to see that the violence was precipitated by the young men and demanded by

the older women (i.e. Juliet's mother), making violence seem to be all a matter of relative testosterone level.

As to individual performances, Hillary Dupuis as Tybalt had all the stage presence of Birgit Nielsen at her most imposing. While lacking two of Nielsen's most notable attributes (Re: Helmut Newton's 1987 photo of Nielsen at the Hotel Hermitage, Monte Carlo) Dupuis does possess one that Nielsen sorely lacks - she can act - and that is an attribute that can't be implanted! But then, perhaps I'm biased by spending too much time at all the right, or wrong depending on your morality, clubs in New York (e.g. Mother and Meow Mix on Xena Nite) and thinking how much she reminds me of performance artist Marianne a.k.a. Evil Cave Boy. Also enjoyable were Alexandra Tavares and Brian Montagnese, both of whom played Mercutio in their respective casts. A pivotal role, they both attacked it with humor and drama in nicely balanced form. Tel Hertzog as Benvolio was a scene stealer, with a flare for expressing understated sarcasm. Finally, Brian Rodda is notable for having played Lady Capulet with relish - as a drag queen diva. If he ever gets to New York, he can be assured a position - at Lips or La Nouvelle Justine at the very least. ▼

# Yucatan Blue and Other Dances Performs Benefit for Breast Cancer

ABD Productions presents Yucatan Blue and Other Dances, an evening of works by Anne Bluethenthal & Dancers, February 5 at the Dance Mission Theatre, 3316-24th Street at Mission in San Francisco.

Yucatan Blue and Other Dances is presented in memory of physician and activist Marcy Lee Olmstead, who recently died after a seven-year battle with breast cancer. The first is Bluethenthal's featured premiere, a quintet. The latter is a short and playful collaborative duet choreographed and performed by Bluethenthal and Mercy Sidbury. The concert will also present Bluethenthal's solo *In My Bones* (from *Excavations of the Spirit*) and *Broken Open* (2nd and 3rd "chambers" from *The Heart is a Live Thing*). A reception following Friday's performance is co-hosted by ABD and the Breast Cancer Fund. *Broken Open*, set to Marc Ream's "luminous and propulsive" score (Rita Felciano, SF Bay Guardian), has three layers of narrative: the physical heart - a description of open heart surgery; the spiritual heart - when on a spiritual path, one must allow the heart to be broken open; and the emotional heart - the heart as an object and symbol of love.

Anne Bluethenthal is founder and Artistic Director of Anne Bluethenthal and Dancers. Winner of the SF Bay Guardian's 1996 Goldie Award for Dance, she has been choreographing and performing in the Bay Area since she arrived in 1982. Bluethenthal, with Krissy Keefer, founded and directs the San Francisco Lesbian & Gay Dance Festival. She has taught her dance technique at Rhythm and Motion Studio in San Francisco. Bluethenthal is certified by both the North American and London Societies for Teachers of the Alexander Technique and her writing on dance and the Alexander Technique was published in 1998 in the book *Curiosity Recaptured*. INFO: (415) 522-8793. ▼

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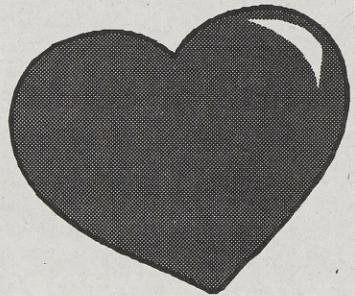
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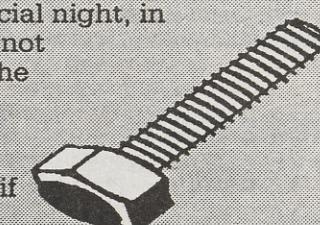
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# MEDIA WATCH

## Woman Guilty in Aiding Murder of Shepard

A 20-year-old girlfriend of one of two men charged in the slaying of gay college student Matthew Shepard pleaded guilty to being an accessory after the fact to first-degree murder.

Chasity Vera Pasley is one of two women accused of helping Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson dispose of bloody clothing worn by Henderson.

Prosecutors said Pasley's plea was not the result of an agreement for a reduced sentence, though she will be called as a witness if the case against the other defendants goes to trial. She will be sentenced in about 45 days. Henderson's trial is to begin March 22. McKinney's trial was set for August 9. Both men are charged with first-degree murder, aggravated robbery and kidnapping with intent to inflict bodily injury or to terrorize the victim. ▼

## Arkansas Bans GLBT Foster Parents

The Child Welfare Agency Review Board of Arkansas passed a resolution, which bans GLBT people from serving as foster parents. At this point, a comment period is in effect, during which five public hearings will be held. At the end of this, which may take a number of weeks, the ban will become effective. The passage of this measure makes Arkansas the third state to prevent GLBT people from acting as foster parents and/or adopting, joining New Hampshire, Florida and Oklahoma. Info: (415) 861-5437 ▼

## DQ and GLAD Join Efforts

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation will integrate Digital Queers, now known as the DQ Initiative At GLAAD, into its programs. The announcement came at a panel held at during Macworld SF, which explored the community's use and relationship to the Internet. GLAAD is moving forward with a new media initiative under the DQ umbrella. Info: (212) 807-1700, extension 14, [inhorn@glaad.org](mailto:inhorn@glaad.org) ▼

## Tales of Intolerance Surprise Denver Board

The Denver school board promised to protect gays and lesbians after being surprised by tales of intolerance in schools. Paul Cameron of Larkspur threatened a lawsuit, saying: "You are about to further the interests of the gay movement." Cameron added that "scientific literature" proves that gay teachers are more likely to have sexual relations with students. His attitude and words were not welcome. "I find what you said totally reprehensible," board member Elaine Berman said. "I have no problem promoting gay rights. Members of a district gay and lesbian task force told of slurs, assaults and threats. The district already prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in most policies and practices. The task force wants those protections as well as gender identity in all student and employee policies. ▼

## Capital "Gains and Losses" Report Available

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has issued its annual report card on legislative initiatives. Info: (202) 332-6483, extension 3306, or via e-mail at [bgressler@ngltf.org](mailto:bgressler@ngltf.org) ▼

## Denver Schools to Consider GLBT Rights

The Denver Public Schools heard testimony from teachers and students about discrimination they had suffered based on sexual orientation as the board considered adopting an anti-discrimination measure that would cover sexual orientation and gender identity. Republican legislators in Arizona are seeking to bring a bill which would ban public school groups youth and their straight supporters ("Gay/Straight Alliances" or GSAs) from Arizona schools. A bill similar to this measure was presented to the legislature two years ago, but died before a vote was taken. If Arizona votes to ban the clubs, they risk losing their federal education funding, due to their violation of the federal Equal Access Act. Info: (212) 727-0135 [janderson@glsen.org](mailto:janderson@glsen.org) ▼

## Australian's Feel Harassment

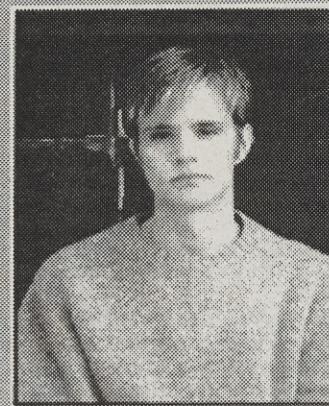
Twenty-Seven gay men and lesbians have experienced harassment or violence in the past 12 months, according to the results of the Sydney Star Observer's readers survey. The survey revealed that just under half (45.8 percent) of respondents experienced violence or harassment because they were thought to be gay or lesbian. More than one in 15 respondents said they had been physically assaulted in the last 12 months. Across the Star's entire readership, the figures indicate more than 24,000 residents were verbally harassed and 3,500 residents were physically assaulted. ▼

## Providence Gay Man Beat As He Left Bar

Two men have been charged with what Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr. called the worst hate crime in the city since the new statute covering crimes was enacted this summer. David E. Sheldon, 19, and Taylor Grenier, 18, were charged with assault under the new Hate Crime Sentencing Act. The law requires judges to sentence offenders to at least 30 days in jail. They were stopped at a traffic light when they spotted a man leaving Wheels, a gay and lesbian bar. Sheldon and Grenier allegedly yelled homophobic slurs at the man, Diana Obidowski, jumped out of the car, ran after him and knocked him down, kicked him in the head and ribs. He got up and fled, but was knocked down again. Sheldon and Grenier kicked and punched Obidowski in the face again. Rhode Island recorded 44 hate crimes last year, included 25 in Providence. ▼

## West Hollywood Honors Shepard

The West Hollywood City Council voted to name a landscaped traffic median Matthew Shepard Square. Actually triangular in shape, the strip is in a prominent and heavily-trafficked area of "the gay city," at the intersection of Santa Monica and Crescent Heights Boulevards. Mayor Gary Doty of Duluth, Minnesota is taking quite a different view of Shepard's murder by refusing to sign a commendation to a local group for its Matthew Shepard



Matthew Shepard

memorial event. The Duluth Human Rights Commission had voted to award the certificate to the GLBT Alliance of the University of Minnesota, for having staged an October vigil and speak-out against hate violence. Doty said, "I will not celebrate somebody's sexual practices, and I won't sign something that thanks somebody for celebrating their sexual practices." ▼

## San Antonio Reports Sixth Stabbing

A 22-year-old man was stabbed in the back outside a downtown gay bar, The Saint, when he was approached by three men who, police say, stabbed him in the lower back as he was getting into his car. Police said the assailants then attacked two witnesses about to get into their vehicles in the parking lot. One of the witnesses, a 36-year-old man, suffered a 6-inch cut to his right cheek. The 22-year-old was treated and released. San Antonio's gay leaders assailed the stabbing and said the number of violent attacks against gays and lesbians is higher than what's reported to police. In 1993, Gov. Ann Richards signed legislation that increases punishment for hate-motivated crimes that target a victim's race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation or national origin. Last year, eight cases of possible hate crimes were reported to the San Antonio Police Department. ▼

## Cabbie Slammed Over Slurs

A judge revoked a New York City cab driver, Walter Rodriguez's license and fined him \$1,000 for shouting racist and homophobic slurs at two women and then repeatedly ramming Kecia McCowan and Tammy Peays' car. McCowan and Peay said they were driving east on 10th Street in Manhattan when Rodriguez, who was driving a cab behind them, started honking and gesturing violently. He then yelled racial and homophobic epithets, calling them "dirty bitches" and "black dykes." He then began ramming the back of their car 11 times. Peay said that the event was so traumatic for them that they are now in counseling. ▼

## Jury Slaps City

A Washington D.C. Court ordered the city to pay \$2.9 million to the mother of Tyrone "Tyra" Hunter, who died from injuries suffered in an August 1995 car wash. The jury found that the D.C. Fire Department rescue worker violated Hunter's civil rights, and caused physical and emotional pain, when he stopped treating Hunter's injuries and began shouting insults at Hunter because of his transgendered status.

Witnesses testified the rescue worker who cut open Hunter's pants to treat an injured leg laughed and shouted derisive remarks when he discovered that Hunter, who had the outward appearance of a woman, had male genitalia. Hunter, 24, died from injuries sustained from the car crash. The jury also found that Dr. Joseph Bastien, an emergency room physician committed medical malpractice by failing to provide "standard of care" treatment. ▼

## "Being Gay is a Biological Error," Says Dr. Laura

Author Claudette Wilcoxson has just published *Ten Stupid Things Dr. Laura Tell Women To Do To Mess Up Their Lives*. As you've surmised, this is not a shot across the bow of Dr. Laura Schlessinger, the host of a national radio "advice" show — this book is a declaration of war! And she is presently working on the second edition that will include a chapter about Dr. Laura's statement that "Being gay is a biological error." It will also deal with Dr. Laura's beliefs that a gay couple should not be allowed to adopt a child or be legally married. If you or anyone you know would like to have some input in the book, contact the author at [spearl@thegrid.net](mailto:spearl@thegrid.net) or fax 760-361-0068. The author has her own anti-Doc web site but now has expanded that to expound in greater detail via the printed page. Using radio transcripts as well as some past events of Dr. Schlessinger's apparently well-ordered life, the author focuses on what she considers to be the contradictory counsel often given to the show's listeners, and the apparent hypocrisy of Dr. Laura's moral posture. Nor is this just one writer's private tirade against a public figure: this book incorporates many letters to the author's web site. Wilcoxson lives in 29 Palms, California. Her web site (entitled "Dr. Laura Is Wrong") receives 200 to 300 'hits' her day on its topic of Dr. Laura. The author also wishes to announce that Dr. Laura has been awarded the "1997 Tacky Taste" award by cyber-readers of "E! Online." ▼

## If Only 100 People Were Living

If the earth's population was shrunk to a village of 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look like this:

- 57 Asians
- 21 Europeans
- 14 from the Western Hemisphere (north and south)
- 8 Africans
- 52 would be female
- 48 would be male
- 70 would be non-white
- 30 white
- 70 would be non-Christian
- 30 would be Christian
- 89 would be heterosexual
- 11 homosexual
- 59% of the entire world's wealth would be in the hands of only 6 people and all 6 would be citizens of the United States
- 80 would live in substandard housing
- 70 would be unable to read
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition
- 1 would be near death
- 1 would be near birth
- 1 would have a college education
- 1 would own a computer

When one considers the world from such a compressed perspective, the need for both acceptance and understanding becomes glaringly apparent. ▼

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# HOME AND GARDEN

## Gardening Notes Before Valentine's Day

by Bob Hamm  
MGW/Staff

With the bustle of the holiday season, one of the most important days of the gardening year passes with little notice on December 21<sup>st</sup>. This is the Winter Solstice when the sun (in the Northern Hemisphere) reaches its lowest point; it is the shortest day of the year. After December 21<sup>st</sup> the days start getting longer and while the calendar may say it starts winter, biologically it is really the start of spring, especially in warmer climates like ours.

Within a couple of weeks many plants react to the longer days by starting growth even if only underground (roots) where we don't see it. By late January many plants start to grow visibly. In Sacramento by mid-to-late February we have blooming trees, shrubs, bulbs and growth bursting out everywhere.

Hybrid roses start breaking growth very early in the New Year. This is why the rose pruning season (hybrids) runs from Christmas through Valentines Day. But Valentines is often late with plants with 6" shots - so prune as early as possible. Moving perennial plants should be done as early as possible. January and February are prime months. Many perennials can be divided now, before they make much growth. Most fruit trees, such as peach, apple, pear, apricot, etc., should be pruned now although flowering forms of the above (grown for flowers not fruit) are best pruned right after blooming.▼



### Dealing With Frost Damage

*There are several things you need to be aware of in dealing with hard freeze damage.*

- DO NOT rush to clean up frosted/frozen foliage and stems. They will help to protect basal growth from further freezing.
- DO NOT assume a plant is dead simply because it froze to the ground. Many plants will recover from below ground once we get warmer spring weather.
- DO keep plants moist; dryness will only increase freeze damage.
- Many potted perennials can be frozen solid and still recover. Don't rush to throw them away!

### Spring Fever Catalogs and Dreams

January was the month of garden catalogs, and now being February, a few seed catalogs to recommend:

#### Park Seed Company

1 Parkton Avenue  
Greenwood, SC 29647-0001

#### Wildseed Farms (Wild Flowers)

P.O. Box 3000  
Fredericksburg, TX 78624-3000

#### \*Territorial Seed Company

P.O. Box 157  
Cottage Grove, OR 97424-0061

#### Jonny's Selected Seeds

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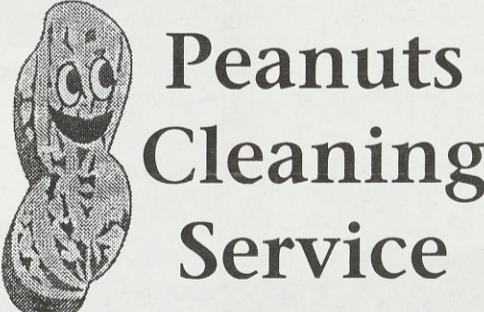
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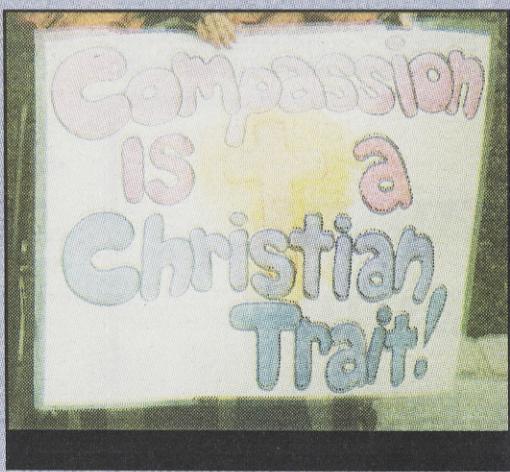
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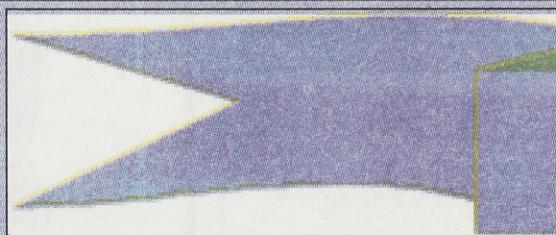
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union ceremony co-officiated by their pastor, Rev. Don Fado, of St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

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## A Joyful Noise...And History Is Made!

On Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 1200 people gathered in the theater at Sacramento's Convention Center to celebrate the service of Holy Union of Jeanne Barnett and Ellie Charlton. Among the 1200 were 90 Methodist ministers who risked being punished by their church for officiating at any service uniting a same sex couple. Outside, a cordon of others circled the theater to assure that no one bent on disturbing the event would be allowed to enter.

During the nearly two hour celebration lesbian and gays in the audiences were invited to stand and approximately a third of the audience rose. Those who remained seated applauded loudly. Among those who stood were most, if not all, members of DIVA (Diverse Individuals Vocalizing Affirmatively), the impressive choir which joined with member of United Methodist Church choirs to sing "This Is the Day of New Beginning" and "In This Very Room."

The titles of those two numbers characterized the entire historic event for in the very room of the Sacramento Convention Center there was a new beginning of organized resistance to anti-gay attitudes in Christian churches by church members and ministers.

Rev. Don Fado, who presided, former minister Randy Miller, and Rev. Dr. Jeanne Knepper each spoke of the need for their church to accept sexual diversity as it has in the past moved to accept racial and ethnic diversity. Miller, who is gay and African-American, recalled that he was often asked why, if he didn't like his church's views of homosexuality, he didn't just get out? His answer was that just as a Black man he had a right to expect to be welcomed as a Methodist, so too, he had that right as a gay man.

Whether this joyful event will have any significant impact on the action of the United Methodist Church or on Protestant Christianity at large, there can be no question of the impact it had on the thousand people who witnessed the event, they will remember the day forever.



More than 1,000 filled the Convention Center. At one point, gay and straight people were asked to stand. Approximately 60% were straight and about 30% were gay.

# OUT ON FILM

## Sister, Sister

by Stefan Grunwedel  
MGW/Staff

**Hilary and Jackie. Starring Emily Watson, Rachel Griffiths, David Morrissey, and James Frain. Directed by Anand Tucker. (121 min., rated R)**

Hilary and Jacqueline du Pré have the kind of childhood that girls hope for. They are sisters who are also best friends and have ample time to play and dream together about sharing everything with each other, forever and ever.

They are stars in their world of play and musicianship. Hilary plays the flute and Jackie the cello. Soon, however, their natural talents lead them to enter contests. Though Hilary and Jackie sometimes win together, it is inevitable that one will surpass the other in practical skill and natural ability—yanking them both from their innocent little world and thrusting them into the reality of sibling rivalry and fickle praise.

Hilary and Jackie tell the dramatic, true-life story of two musically gifted sisters who grow up wanting the same thing, yet find it in vastly different ways.

It apparently all begins with young Hilary (charmingly played by Keeley Flanders), whose gifted flute playing wins her admiration from her parents and teacher—as well as some prizes. Jackie (gracefully played by Auriol Evans) realizes she has to play her instrument better if she is not to go unnoticed. So she quickly excels at her cello, soon outpacing her sister in accolades and awards.

Not only is her technique superior, but her expressiveness while playing belies an emotional maturity and musical understanding not seen in most performers her age. As Emily Watson, the actress who brilliantly portrays the adult Jackie, observed in an interview,

"She was so in tune with the music that she played with her whole body."

Later, as an adult, Hilary (Griffiths) struggles with her music lessons at the university. However, she does not go unnoticed. One student studying conducting, Kiffer Finzi (played with much enthusiasm by Morrissey), spies her in the

musician and conductor in his own right.

Despite these two sisters' similarities, their lives couldn't end up more differently. As Hilary and Daniel dash around the world from concert to concert—sometimes together, sometimes apart—Jackie and Kiffer plant roots in the country and raise children.

the story. She falls in love with Kiffer. Jackie comes home from touring and appears jealous of his presence in her life. Later, after many more celebrated concerts abroad, Jackie visits Hilary and Kiffer in the country and wedges herself between them. As girls they'd always promised to share everything, Jackie says, so now she wants

consummated because of all their separate globetrotting. Finally she wants to taste Hilary's simple life in the countryside, and she arrives (very likely) sex-starved at her house. But her solution for her anguish drives Hilary away from her.

Thus Jackie's loneliness continues, which fuels her hatred for her fame and lot in life. To her, she and Daniel are just trained freaks. Audiences don't love them; they just love their music—as long as they can keep playing it for them.

As fate has it, Jackie isn't able to play for audiences very long. At 28, she is diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. While this may explain her wildly erratic emotional behavior, it doesn't bode well for her musical career. Indeed, it wipes it out within a few years.

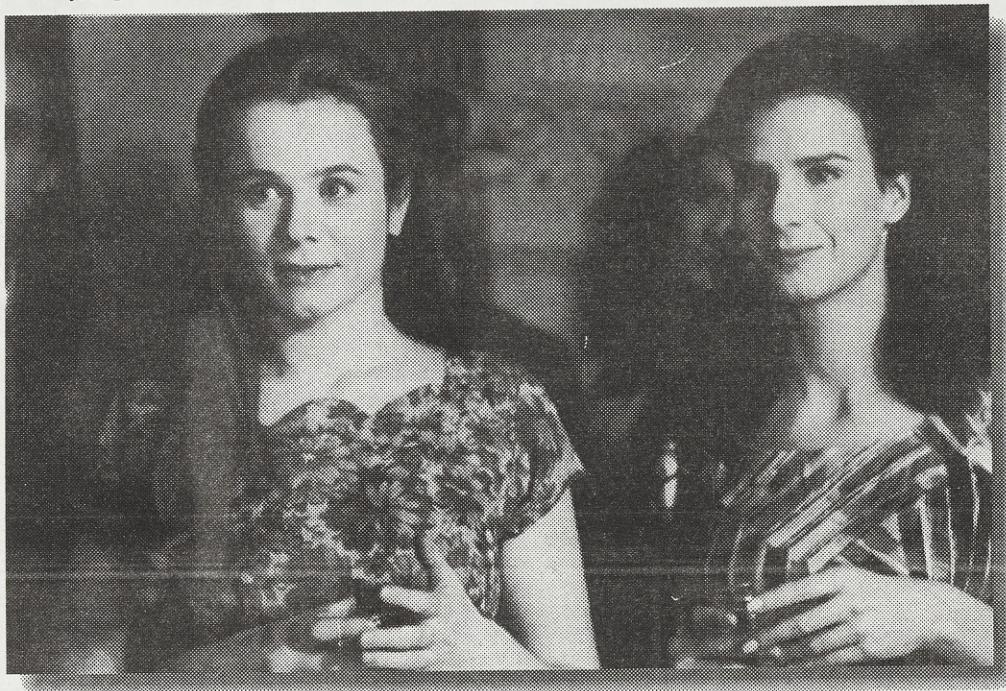
This ironically tragic turn of events naturally brings Hilary closer to Jackie once again.

It probably goes without saying that Hilary and Jackie reveals some of the heartaches that classical musicians endure as they strive to reach the top of their careers. While the loneliness and stress of solo performing is briefly touched on here, it is clear that this life is not one to wish for carelessly. The film shows that, despite her fame, Jackie is immensely unhappy with her choice of musical career—even though Daniel observes that she wouldn't be herself without her cello.

The film becomes somewhat simplistic when it seems to suggest that all that Jackie needs to be happy is love. She clearly needs more than that—probably starting with some therapy.

Even so, this is a minor quibble. The film remains engrossing and entertaining.

Hilary and Jackie plays at the Tower Theater. For more information about show times, call the theater. To read production notes and hear some music from the film, visit the official film site at [www.octoberfilms.com/hilary-jackie](http://www.octoberfilms.com/hilary-jackie). ▼



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Jacqueline (Emily Watson) and Hilary du Pre (Rachel Griffiths) are two musically gifted sisters whose fates run very different courses in Anand Tucker's *Hilary and Jackie*.

halls, admires her playing, and books her immediately for his own concerts.

He also falls in love with her. By the time Jackie returns home from some concerts abroad, she may enjoy the celebrity that Hilary can only wish for, but she doesn't enjoy the love of a man that Hilary does every day.

Luckily for Hilary, it would seem, she soon finds love too: in the form of Daniel Barenboim (Frain), who is a celebrated

While this story would be interesting enough to carry a movie, An and Tucker's direction and Frank Cottrell Boyce's screenplay do one step better by leaving the bare facts open to interpretation. Like the classical music that appears throughout the movie, the movie has movements and a certain rhythm that sustains it to its inevitable coda.

First comes Hilary's side of

Hilary to share Kiffer with her. Hilary reluctantly complies, though not for long. Soon Jackie must leave for good.

After this comes Jackie's side of the story. Naturally, key scenes depicted before appear differently the second time around. Jackie is very lonely touring from place to place. She doesn't speak the local language and admirers are too shy to engage her in more than just polite conversation. All she really wants is to be nearest her sister. When she comes home, however, Hilary is preoccupied with someone else. For awhile, she finds comfort in her own new love, Daniel (whom she eventually marries), but their marriage is apparently rarely

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# HOW MANY S'S IN HOLLYWOOD

## Munching on a Full Monty

by Gerald Semas  
MGW/Staff

### FILM

Director **Antonia Bird** gained international recognition with her controversial film *Priest* and her next film, *Ravenous* will certainly add to that notoriety. The 20th Century Fox film is the story of 8 people, stuck in a snowbound Sierra Nevada fort in 1847, while a cannibalistic killer waits outside. You might call it 'I Know What the Donner Party Did Last Summer'. The cast includes **Guy Pearce** (The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert), **Jeremy Davies**, **David Arquette** (Johns) and **Robert Carlyle** (The Full Monty). ▼▼▼

**A**t the end of the year, Carlyle will be seen as **Renard**, an ex-French legionnaire turned terrorist in the next James Bond film *The World is Not Enough*. A special attribute of this arch-nemesis is his ability to



Nathan Lane

withstand pain resulting from a bullet lodged in his brain. Filming began last month on this 19th Bond film which features **Pierce Brosnan** returning as 007, **Denise Richards** (Starship Troopers) as the latest Bond Girl, 'Monty Python' alumnus **John Cleese** as a bumbling assistant to gadget master Q and Norwegian body builder, **Victor Ashby** as a hunky henchman named The Boa. Somehow, I think a feathered fashion accessory is not what the producers have in mind. ▼▼▼

Their teaming on the critically acclaimed *Gods and Monsters* was enough to make them continue that relationship for another project. Author/producer **Clive Barker** and director **Bill Condon** are pursuing, as they call it, a Gay horror movie. I thought anything produced by **Alan Carr** since *Grease* was considered a Gay horror movie. ▼▼▼

On to a Carr of another kind. Author **Caleb Carr** (The Alienist) has been hired for his re-write talents on the upcoming film *The In Between*. The story deals with a father who discovers the terrifying consequences of cheating death after saving his son. Carr recently touched up the script for the film *The Chill Factor* starring **As Good As It Gets** alumni **Skeet Ulrich** and **Cuba Gooding Jr.** ▼▼▼

**T**he new independent film *Jump* features appearances by **Harvey Fierstein**, **Hal Linden**, **Molly Ringwald**, **Roger Rees** and **Ione Skye**. The story surrounds a group of people who reevaluate their lives while trying to convince a New Yorker not to jump off a building edge. Yes, you read that right, residents of the Big Apple actually trying to convince a suicidal man NOT to jump. ▼▼▼

Oscar-winner **Helen Hunt** (*As Good As It Gets*) will co-star with **Tom Hanks** (Philadelphia) in the upcoming film *Cast Away*. If you'll stop that annoying song about a three-hour tour I can tell you that Hanks will portray a workaholic who is stuck on a desert island for four years with Hunt playing his girlfriend. ▼▼▼

**Christina Ricci** (The Opposite of Sex) joins **Paul Rudd** (The Object of My Affection) this month's release *200 Cigarettes*. Of course in California, theatre marquees will call it '200 Cancer Causing Tobacco Tubes'. The story follows a group of people on New Year's Eve 1981 and co-stars **Courtney Love**, **Janeane Garofalo**, **Ben Affleck** and his brother **Casey Jay Mohr**, and **Kate**

**Hudson** (Goldie Hawn's daughter). ▼▼▼

### THEATRE

Yes, she's still around and going strong. Moss Hart widow, **Kitty Carlisle Hart** will perform her one-woman show *My Life on the Wicked Stage* at the Berger Arts Center in Tucson, AZ. The one time Valentine's night benefit is presented as part of the Invisible Theatre's 1998/99 season. ▼▼▼

**B.D. Wong** (And The Band Played On) steps into the title role of *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* when the revival opens Feb. 4th at N.Y.'s Ambassador Theater. Now if they got Wong's *Father of the Bride* co-star **Martin Short** to play Snoopy, this could be worthwhile. ▼▼▼

Some call it theatre, I call it making a quick buck. **Jeff Stryker** stars in *Jeff Stryker Does Hard Time* opening Feb. 11 at S.F.'s Victoria Theatre. The piece, written by Sean Michael, comes to the Bay Area after a November run at St. Genesius Theatre in West Hollywood. Bring your latex toys and maybe you can get an autograph. ▼▼▼

The ever-talented **Betty Buckley** stars in **Nicky Silver's** latest play, *The Eros Trilogy* coming to N.Y.'s Vineyard Theatre Feb. 4 - 27. Also in the cast are **T. Scott Cunningham**, who was previously seen in a production of Silver's *Pterodactyls* and **Zak Orth** (In and Out). Buckley fans can catch a performance of the star at the Bob Hope Cultural Center in Palm Desert, CA on Feb. 6th. ▼▼▼

**Todd Oldham** is the designer behind the original costumes for a new live production of *The Rocky Horror Show* playing at L.A.'s Tiffany Theatre. Is this a career move up? The man just put his name on a specially designed Barbie Doll. Could designer thongs be next for the Billy and Carlos dolls? ▼▼▼

If all goes according to plan, the new **Stephen Sondheim** musical *Wise Guys* could have its Broadway



Helen Hunt

premiere by the end of the year. The recently out (was anyone surprised) **Nathan Lane** and **Victor Garber** (The First Wives Club) are scheduled to star in this vaudeville-style biography about the eccentric Mizner brothers, Wilson and Addison. **Scott Rudin** (In and Out) joins **Roger Berlind** as the show's producers. ▼▼▼

### TELEVISION

NBC has the proven magic of producer **Robert Halmi Sr.** (The Odyssey & Gulliver's Travels) behind it's Feb. 28th Tele-blockbuster *Alice In Wonderland*. This latest version of Lewis Carroll's fantasy features **Merlin** alumni **Miranda Richardson** and **Martin Short** with newcomer **Tina Majorino** as Alice and **Gene Wilder** as the Mock Turtle. ▼▼▼

**CBS** airs *And The Beat Goes On: The Sonny and Cher Story* on Feb. 22. The telefilm is based on Bono's book and stars **Jay Underwood** (Superman) as Sonny and **Renee Faia** (A Few Good Men) as Cher. Something tells me that the broadcast will not be sponsored by any ski resorts. ▼▼▼

Another bio-film on the Eye network is *Too Rich: The Secret Life of Doris Duke* airing Feb. 21 & 22. **Lauren Bacall** stars as the heiress whose troubled life was never completely eased by her immense fortune. **Richard Chamberlain**

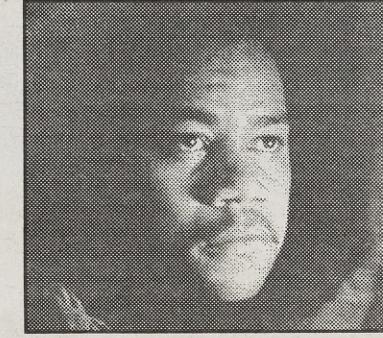
plays her butler who inherited the bulk of her fortune upon her suspicious death. Based on his early career playing a member of the medical profession you could call him Dr. Killed-her! ▼▼▼

It's time to cut a rug and take a spin. The U.S. Figure Skating Championship airs on ABC Feb. 13th at 9pm while the Championship Ballroom Dancing Competition is broadcast on PBS Feb. 10th at 8:30pm. Though described as the world's largest collection of Gay men and straight women duos under one roof, this IS Ballroom Dancing, not a convention of *Wil and Grace* fans. ▼▼▼

**Rosie O'Donnell** is the host for the 41st annual Grammy Awards airing on CBS on Feb. 24th. Comforted that her buddy is hosting and despite appearing on **Mr. Blackwell's** worst dressed list, **Madonna** has agreed to perform at the event. ▼▼▼

**Eric Roberts** (It's My Party) plays Ben 'Bugsy' Siegel to **Richard Dreyfuss'** Meyer Lansky in the HBO film *Lansky* airing Feb. 27th. ▼▼▼

A&E has picked a provocative title for their Feb. 22 biography on



Cuba Gooding Jr.

the real **Annie Oakley**. It's being promoted as *Annie Oakley: Crack Shot in Petticoats*. Wasn't that the name of **Anna Nicole Smith's** first adult film? ▼▼▼

Gay producers **Neil Meron** and **Craig Zadan**, the forces behind the planned HBO bio-film on *Harvey Milk* are the same producers who brought us the TV musical version of *Cinderella* which starred **Brandy** and **Whitney Houston**. ▼▼▼

**Ellen DeGeneres** (Ellen), **Tracey Ullman** (Tracey Takes On...) and **Lisa Kudrow** (Friends) are among the nominees for the 13th annual American Comedy Awards being handed out Feb. 7th but broadcast on the FOX Network in March. ▼▼▼

**Victor Victoria** stars **Julie Andrews** and **James Garner** are together again, this time filming *A Winter Visitor* in Montreal for CBS. ▼▼▼

### End Quote

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— Chris Freeman, lead vocalist with Pansy Division.

## Anne Heche and Billie Jean King Honored

Actress Anne Heche and tennis legend Billie Jean King will be honored at the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's Women's Night '99 on Saturday, March 6. The event will take place at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, and is expected to attract more than 1,000 women and raise more than \$300,000 for women's services. Heche will be honored with the Creative Integrity Award and King will receive the Community Role Model Award. Local lesbian/bisexual activists will also be honored with the fifth annual LACE (Lesbian and bisexual women Active in Community Empowerment) Awards.

Heche has unfailingly and openly acknowledged her relationship with Ellen DeGeneres, in spite of entertainment industry homophobia and much-hyped speculation about how it would affect her career. Now considered one of Hollywood's best and brightest young talents, Heche has starred in a number of major motion pictures, including the remake of Psycho; Six Days, Seven Nights; Return to Paradise; Volcano; Donnie Brasco; The Juror; Walking and Talking; and Wag the Dog, for which she was honored with the National Board of Review's Award for Best Supporting Actress. She is also an Emmy Award winner, taking honors for her role in the daytime serial "Another World".



Billie Jean King is honored by L.A.'s Gay and Lesbian Center

King is regarded as one of the all-time greats in the world of women's tennis. Currently serving as director and spokesperson for World Team Tennis, King has been a longtime advocate of women's rights, women in athletics, and now, lesbian and gay issues. King has also created a foundation which will, among other things, support lesbian and gay youth. During her heyday as the world's top women's tennis player, King amassed a record 20 Wimbledon titles in singles and doubles, and won every Grand Slam singles title. In 1973, King defeated Bobby Riggs in the much-heralded "Battle of the Sexes" match, which still holds the attendance record for a single tennis match.

Proceeds from Women's Night go toward women's services at the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center, including the Audre Lorde Lesbian Health Clinic, L.A.'s first non-profit health clinic specifically to provide basic preventative gynecological care to lesbians and bisexual women. Other women's services include the Lesbian Law Project, counseling, youth, employment, educational, cultural and social programming.

Past Women's Night honorees include Ellen DeGeneres, Sheila Kuehl, U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun, k.d. lang, Dr. Susan Love, the Indigo Girls, Linda Villarosa, Melissa Etheridge and Martina Navratilova. Info: (310) 996-1188. ▼

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# PET PRIDE

## Local Pet Entrepreneurs Talk About Travel on Fox News

Kim Christoffersen, Sacramento co-owner of TravelDog, an Internet resource for people who travel with their dogs, was a featured guest on "Pet News," a national, cable television show broadcast on Fox News Channel. According to Diane Dushai, producer at "Pet News," "TravelDog has emerged at precisely the right time and is meeting a great need among the growing numbers of pet owners who don't want to leave their dogs behind when they vacation." TravelDog receives 800 to 1,000 hits to its website each day (<http://www.traveldog.com>) from people who are hungry for information about traveling with their dogs. TravelDog provides a nationwide directory (listed by state) of overnight accommodations that welcome dogs such as motels, hotels, cabins, bed and breakfast, beach houses and vacation resorts. TravelDog also provides an online travel agency that can book accommodations and travel arrangements.

"Getting information about pet-friendly accommodations is the number one reason people visit our website," says Kim Christoffersen, co-owner of TravelDog. "But there's a lot involved in traveling with a dog and when people discover that they can also access information about beaches, dog parks and camps, kennels, veterinarians, petsitters, pet transport, travel tips and doggy daycare facilities-they start relying on us for all their pet-related travel needs."

TravelDog was established in 1996 by Christoffersen and Delfin who also own K.J. Paws, a East Sacramento pet grooming salon. Info: [www.traveldog.com](http://www.traveldog.com)



**Friends For Life!**

Pet Owner: Terri Thompson and a 5 year-old male domestic short, "Spot" is named after a Star Trek character's pet, Lt. Commander Data on the Enterprise. Spot's favorite T.V. show is the X Files. I have trained him to respond to the theme song. If he is napping when the show begins he awakens and then climbs onto my lap wanting attention from me. And also, we both share the same admiration of beautiful women as you can see in the picture!!!

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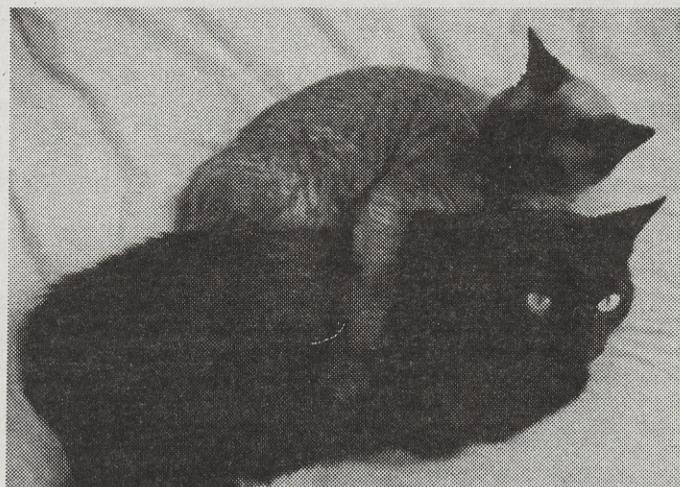
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### Pet Facts: Did YOU Know...

Courtesy of the Sacramento SPCA

In the U.S. 64% of animals arriving at shelters are euthanized (put to sleep). Americans spent \$10 billion on dog & cat food in 1997. 25% of dog caregivers keep a snapshot of their animal in their purse or wallet. Your expense as a caregiver to a dog for its 11-year life span now equals \$13,350. In 1997, 56% of all American households had a companion animal. These included:

- 54.2 million dogs
- 59.4 million cats
- 16 million birds
- 12.2 million smaller animals (hamsters, gerbils)
- 7.3 million reptiles
- 4.6 million fish

There is a clear link between animal abuse and domestic violence. In a 1995 survey, 4 out of 5 victims of domestic violence in homes with companion animals said their pets were also abused.

### Flea Facts Jumping Off The Web

For information about flea biology and control, read the University of Florida site at: [hammock.ifas.ufl.edu/txt/fairs/8884](http://hammock.ifas.ufl.edu/txt/fairs/8884). Ohio State University offers a flea fact sheet at: [www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~ohioline/hyg-fact/2000/2081.html](http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~ohioline/hyg-fact/2000/2081.html).

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### Prevent Garbage Gut!

People who think the compost heap is a garbage dump can cause their dogs a heap of trouble, according to the toxicologists at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine Diagnostics Laboratory. Meat, dairy products and other non-vegetable waste create bad compost and potentially life-threatening situations for dogs who love to root in the garbage. The Cornell lab sees dogs suffering from "garbage gut," a condition including severe vomiting, dehydration and diarrhea, particularly during warm weather. Harmful bacteria associated with canine garbage gut include *Staphylococcus aureus* and *salmonellae*. ▼

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# SOUNDBYTES

## Taking you from Disco to Deep Thought...

by Charles Turner  
MGW Staff

### The Big Box

#### The Disco Box, Various, Rhino Records

The undisputed mega-movers of yesterdays dance music, **Rhino Records**, are in of moving some major disco wax to a record store near you....at a 2-16-99. *The Disco Box* is a smoking 4 cd set consisting of 80 tracks, more than half of which were top ten hits. **Rhino** has successfully shrink wrapped over a decade of songs into a sleek package sure to have you toe-tappin as you complete those weekend chores. The sampler I received took me back, way back...from bongs to bell-bottoms, from black-lights to blackouts, from perms to platforms, and poppers poppers poppers. And yes its true some of these tunes sounded better stoned, its strange how the more things change the more they stay the same. Overall, the peter-meter pretty much stays in the red as we jump from disc to disc, it all boils down to definite memory stimulation, Time to name drop: **Love Unlimited O-Letts** **Featuring Sir Monti Rock True Connection**, **The Jackson Robinson**, **Silver Convention**, **Wild Donna Summer**, **Chic**, **KC And The Village People**, **Gloria Gaynor**, **Narda Michael Walden**, **Lipps Inc. Gang**, **Change**, **The Boystown better**, **Hot Chocolate**, and **The Girls** to name a bunch, performing "Love's Theme", "Doctors Orders", "Down Tonite", "The Hustle", "You More, More, More", "Turn The Beat Play That Funky Music", "Car Coming Love", "Dance With Me", Be Real", "Shake Your Groove"), "Y.M.C.A.", "Le Freak", "Don't H.A.P.P.Y. Radio", "We Are Family", "Celebration", "The Glow Of Love", Notes", and "Last Night A D.J. Saved My Life" just to name another bunch. The spark has been rekindled and the smoke is rising on a fire we thought we put out when we packed away the mirror ball, the fog machine, and those funky clothes that are back in style. *The Disco Box* rates 5 out of 5, it's a treasure chest of classics....A must have for anyone that appreciates dance music in it's purest form.

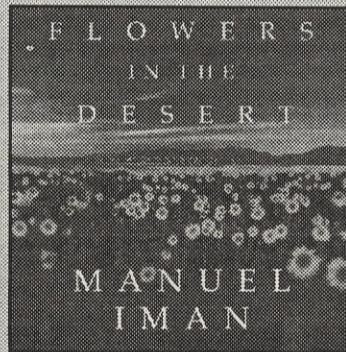


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### Eastern Winds

#### Manuel Iman, Flowers In The Desert, EverSound Records

Come travel across the waters to Europe and join in on the festivities without ever leaving the room, compliments of **Manuel Iman**. **Iman**, one of Spains most innovative artists has released his third solo album, *Flowers In The Desert*, a fresh musical insight to the sound of World Music. *Flowers In The Desert* is his EverSound debut and his first recording available worldwide, finally we can experience the passion and grace of his exotic rhythms, it's as close as your nearest record store. The unique combination of Spanish and electric guitar create a beautiful collage that dance across the speakers, Flamenco style (a kind of **Santana** does Europe sound). "Gypsy Tears" the first track on the cd is a o-so sweet instrumental arrangement that



utilizes the Takamine Heriade Spanish guitar to the fullest. "Rumba Chulita" is a festive dance in the cobblestone streets from beginning to end. The first sip of wine is always the best, the first drop of morning dew to caress the grape is always the sweetest, as with anything it's the "Journey Itself" that excites the senses. "Care" is an arrangement of melodies that accompany you on a long walk through the knee high fields that carpet the hills on a sun filled afternoon. The best way to describe "Zinger" is a witty arrangement of rock and jazz, electric fusion with attitude. The title cut "Flowers In The Desert" is a marriage of love and harmony who's offspring is sensitivity and inspiration, heard in each note played. 5 out of 5 is the rating this album receives because of it's sucessfull blend of Flamenco, rock, jazz, Eastern, and classical music. If New World Music is your cup of tea, then *Flowers* will be a valued addition.

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# HIV HOTLINE

## On the HIV Front...

by Sonya Cox  
MGW/Staff

### Man finally gets HIV license tag...

After a two-year battle with the Dept of Motor Vehicles that ended up in the courts, an El Cerrito man now has his motorcycle license plate that reads "HIV POS." The DMV had said it could be considered offensive. A federal court ruled that the DMV position was discriminatory and noted that it had allowed other similar plates such as CANCER, ALZHIMR, and END HIV (which is owned by a Sacramento resident who also had to fight to get it).

### New directions in research...

Although the new drug cocktails can reduce the viral load of those taking them to undetectable levels, some virus always lingers in lymph nodes, chromosomes, and other hidden places. A recent study with three people at the Univ of Washington shows that removing blood from a person who's been treated with the cocktails, and re-injecting it appeared to temporarily reduce the virus in these hiding places.

Another study at the Univ of San Francisco suggests that the body's cell-replacement ability may not be completely broken down as once thought. It appears, in some folks taking the three-drug cocktails, that healthy cells are being regenerated. The researchers say they'll intensify their search for ways to revive the body's damaged immune system.

### AIN seeks poets for upcoming conference...

The AIDS Interfaith Network (AIN) is seeking original poems for reading at its Sixth Annual Conference on Mon Feb 15 (President's Day) — works that convey the insights and varied moods of people with AIDS, their family members, caregivers, and activists in the fight against AIDS. Call 481-5487 for info on conference attendance or poem submission (no more than three works per person, submission deadline Mon Feb 8).

### March 21 actions planned for Sacramento...

The Golden State's newest lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender organization — CAPE (California Alliance for Pride and Equality) — held its first meeting in early December in the Capitol Building. The group hopes to influence legislation and advocate for the community on issues such as organizing to fight Sen. Pete Knight's anti-gay marriage initiative slated to be introduced in March for inclusion on the California ballot, and organizing the California element of the "Equality Begins At Home -- Call to Action" to be held at the State Capitol on March 21, 1999. The March 1999 event is part of a cooperative initiative with other states to draw attention to the Millennium 2000 March on Washington, D.C., at this same time next year. Local Sacramentan Sam Catalano has been selected as the Administrative Assistant for CAPE. (Congratulations, Sam!)

Also on March 21 at the Capital, the NAMES Project Quilt will be displayed — part of a nationwide display at State Capitals being coordinated by the NAMES Foundation in San Francisco. The Sacramento Chapter of the Quilt plans to participate. To assist in producing this Quilt display, call James Ozanich at 916-484-5646 or e-mail at OzMar@aol.com. To obtain information about CAPE, contact them at 584 Castro Street # 501, San Francisco CA 94114, e-mail Calcape@aol.com, or call 415-252-0810.

### Imperial Court hosts fundraiser...

CGNIE Emperor Ernie Brown and his court recently hosted an auction at the Mercantile Saloon to benefit the Kirby Johanson Memorial Fund. Kirby, remembered for his gruff voice and uncanny sense of humor, enjoyed many years of involvement with the Court. Shortly after his death in Sept 1994, over 250 friends sponsored a benefit to help Kirby's mom meet cremation expenses. More than twice the amount needed was collected, and the excess funds were donated to an on-going account in Kirby's memory to assist with burial expenses for people with AIDS. The Imperial Auction, with Large Marge and Opal Gardner as the celebrity auctioneers, raised over \$1,000 to supplement the continuing fund. Thanks to all who participated.

### Health officer changes counties...

Dr. Bette Hinton, county health officer for the past 10 years, has transferred to a similar position in Yolo County. She helped develop the HIV health services program for Sacramento, El Dorado and Placer Counties that provides mental, dental and medical services to 1,300 people. She and her husband, Robert Caulk, will continue to reside in Davis.

### New drug arrives, with warning...

Abacavir (Ziagen) has received Food and Drug Administration approval for use as part of the multi-drug cocktails taken by people with AIDS. In the majority who so far experience no side effects, it appears to work well, but it comes with a warning that about 5 percent of those taking it might likely have a reaction (fever, nausea, vomiting, rash, usually within the first 6 weeks of therapy), and that this reaction can be life-threatening. Folks

experiencing what may be a reaction are warned to immediately stop taking the drug because a second reaction will be much more severe. The drug, by Glaxo Wellcome, is a potent nucleoside analog. It requires swallowing one tablet twice a day, without dietary restrictions. Trials showed that, in combination with AZT and 3TC, 75 percent of never-treated adults saw their viral load drop to undetectable levels. Cost — about \$3,540 per year.

### Africans in crisis...

On top of the scarcity of condoms and the refusal of many African men to use them, there's apparently now also a possibility that some condom makers have sent their substandard brittle, leaky, ill-fitting condoms to this country, and inspectors have let them in. As a result, many couples who do practice safe sex are left helpless. In a country where AIDS is rampant and almost no one can afford the cocktails that enable others to live with the virus, condoms are the only lifeline. The problem seems to stem chiefly from factories that hire cheap labor in India, Malaysia, Thailand and China. The World Health Organization says the inspection criteria have been changed. Unfortunately, this has likely been occurring for the past 7 years throughout Africa, bringing to the continent a place in history where 25 percent of all adults have HIV, over 200 people a day die in Zimbabwe, one million AIDS orphans reside in Uganda, and the epidemic in South Africa has grown to 1,500 new infections per day, the fastest rate in the world.

Additionally, educating the public by speaking out about AIDS is more than frowned upon. Last month, an HIV-positive volunteer field worker for the National Association for People Living with HIV in South Africa was beaten to death by her neighbors. The woman, who publicly announced her infection over the radio and television on World AIDS Day this past December to bring visibility to the crisis there, was accused by the mob that attacked her in her home of bringing shame on their community by revealing her HIV status.

### French officials trace transmission

### back to surgeon...

A French doctor may be the second health care specialist in the 17 years of the epidemic to have transmitted HIV to one of his patients (a U.S. dentist several years ago infected several of his patients). The Paris orthopedic specialist apparently transmitted the virus to a 67-year-old woman during surgery in 1992. The transmission occurred 21 months before the doctor was even aware that he was infected, and was eventually traced back to him as the only possible source. He apparently contracted HIV through a needle-stick injury in 1983. Over 900 of the physician's former surgical patients were contacted by health officials, but the woman was the only one infected with HIV. Under the circumstances, this country's Centers for Disease Control is encouraging all doctors who frequently come into contact with patients' blood to be regularly tested for the virus.

### Dementia medication does well in trials...

A treatment for AIDS dementia is now entering phase III clinical trials in the United States and has already undergone more general phase III trials in Europe. Europeans with severe dementia treated with Memantine showed significant improvement in functional independence and daily living activities. The AIDS Clinical Trial Group, which is conducting the study, says that Memantine appears to restore impaired neuron function in those with the neurological complications that persist even while they're being treated with optimal anti-retroviral meds. The drug may be useful for treating people with senile dementia, Alzheimer's disease, and neuropathy, as well as AIDS dementia (varying levels of confusion, memory lapses, depression, agitation, sleeplessness, or a variety of other symptoms which affect a large percentage of people with AIDS). There is little treatment available for AIDS dementia other than AZT, and a very few others to a lesser degree, which have the ability to cross the blood-brain barrier. AZT is kept in as many treatment combinations as possible. It would be of great assistance to have additional effective medications to reduce or halt the effects of dementia.

### Controversy over HIV identification...

Across the nation, debate is raging over the use of name reporting for HIV-infected people. After 4 years, Texas has decided to abandon the use of unique identifier codes that allow for anonymous HIV surveillance, deciding instead to start reporting cases by name. Maryland has used the non-name system as long as Texas, reporting no problems with its surveillance ability. Thirty-two states thus far have adopted some form of HIV reporting but, of these, Texas and Maryland are the only two that used unique identifiers. AIDS activists, including those in California, support the use of coded identification, fearing that the reporting of names will result in a decrease in the number of people willing to get tested for HIV, and possible discrimination if their infections are discovered. However, Surgeon General David Satcher says that using names discourages testing only for those who don't understand the system, and that what they see as a risk is greatly exaggerated. The Centers for Disease Control recently recommended the use of name-based reporting, but leaves the final decision up to individual states.

In Sacramento, Boyce Hinman of Lambda Letters recently compiled in-depth information on the proposed federal AIDS reporting rules, and encouraged Californians to participate in the review process by sending their comments to the CDC.

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# HEALTH AND WELLNESS

## Cancer Season in America

by Mary Ann Swissler  
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**T**aking charge of a woman's health and in the process, preventing the onset of breast cancer has been the message delivered each October since 1987 during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM).

Yet, with all its encouragement to get women to decrease their risk of breast cancer through exercise, a healthier diet and getting a mammogram beginning at age 40, not all women's health care activists are impressed. Still others resent that the monthlong blitzkrieg of races, health fairs, public service announcements, are all sponsored by Zeneca Pharmaceuticals, the largest maker of breast cancer drugs in the nation.

According to several top activists interviewed who have consistently railed against the "Smart women get mammograms, dumb women get breast cancer" campaign by repeating some controversial yet still little-known facts about the device:

- 2 out of 10 surgical biopsies resulting from a "positive" mammogram turn out to be benign.
- A tumor can grow 8 to 10 years before it will show up on a mammogram, and even microscopic tumors detected early on can still be lethal.

Northern Californian environmental activist and artist Polly Strand said it's a wolf-in-sheep's-clothing partnership between the Dallas, TX-based Susan G. Komen Foundation and Zeneca, needlessly exposing women to radiation through increased use of mammography.

The 5K "Race for the Cure" series is the hallmark of the Komen Foundation's fundraising efforts, now held in 86 cities and attracting approximately 500,000 participants, according to the Komen Foundation. They have become inextricably entwined with Zeneca, giving and receiving awards and grants to each other, including six recent scientific research grants on different aspects of tamoxifen use. The Race for the Cure web page trumpets tamoxifen as a way to prevent breast cancer, despite that the FDA officially downgraded the drug to a form of "risk reduction."

**O**n political lobbying alone, the Komen Foundation has ponied up \$921,000 in 1996, the most recent financial figures available.

And like the \$2.5 billion mammography industry they feverishly promote, the Komen Foundation's fortunes rise each year, as public support builds for their message that early detection through mammography beginning at age 40 will save lives. In 1996 alone, the Komen Foundation, which enjoys non-profit tax status, earned an impressive \$4 million after expenses from management, fundraising and promotion expenses, according to the group's 1996 federal income tax records.

This is the "grass-roots" efforts that NBCAM is

often portrayed as?

The Komen people have repeatedly defended their program saying that mammography is the best detection that medical technology has available today.

"Every month should be breast cancer awareness month; (NBCAM) is simply a slick P.R. month," commented Fran Visco, the director of the Washington, D.C.-based National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC), the largest and most influential lobbying group in the nation for breast cancer issues. Visco added during a recent interview, "NBCC is an education and policy organization. Part of the reason NBCC came into existence was that breast cancer was being reduced to urging women to get a mammogram."

**C**ynthia Pearson from the Washington, D.C.-based National Women's Health Network told *CancerTimes* that the Month is a way for Zeneca to build its customer base. "It's like when you're sneezing your brains out and you think 'I remember seeing some ad for an antihistamine,' and you go out and buy it." Zeneca's breast cancer drug tamoxifen, was recently given preliminary approval by the FDA as a risk reduction agent, after a massive clinical trial on healthy women. Arimidex, for use on advanced breast cancer patients, and Zoladex, for use on advanced prostate cancer and endometriosis, are also Zeneca products.

But it is a lack of attention paid to environmental links to cancer that appeared to irritate many in the breast cancer community interviewed. Of particular concern is Zeneca AgricChemical Corporation's manufacture of the pesticide acetylchlor, because of the possible links between cancer and pesticide exposure.

Activist and author Judy Brady spearheads a Cancer Industry Tour during October to shed light on the fact that it is Zeneca who benefits the most by sponsoring NBCAM.

Breast Cancer Action—San Francisco's Executive

Director Barbara Brenner angrily denounced NBCAM and the censorship capabilities that Zeneca is able to exercise on all of the sophisticated publicity materials in their armory. "As the sole corporate sponsor of (NBCAM), Zeneca has the final word on all their materials. They have full editorial control; didn't know that did you? And the word carcinogen never appears anywhere." The public shouldn't be surprised, she said, that environmental causes of cancer are not once mentioned in the mountain of reading material, promotional spots and flyers that women are pummeled with during NBCAM.

The scientific community has blasted away on the actual diagnostic abilities of mammography, which Americans spend over \$2 billion on annually. *Scientific American's* 1996 special edition on cancer reported that "the majority (between 60 and 93 percent)" of trouble areas picked up by mammograms, are benign.

Three years ago, the prestigious British medical journal *The Lancet* likewise harpooned the mammography bandwagon. "Since the benefit achieved is marginal, the harm caused is substantial and the costs incurred are enormous, we suggest that public funding for breast cancer screening in any age group is not justifiable."

**U**nderstandably Zeneca Pharmaceutical's explanation is more upbeat: "Zeneca founded the U.S. National Breast Cancer Awareness month in 1987 and continues to support this annual event—a total commitment that has exceeded \$1 million. The main aim is to educate the public and healthcare professionals on the benefits of earlier detection. The business has led by example and in 1989 became one of the first US companies to offer on-site mammography screening for employees. Since then breast cancer has been discovered in 12 members of staff and thanks to its early detection all of them have been suitably treated."

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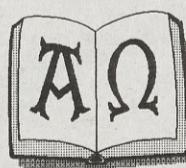
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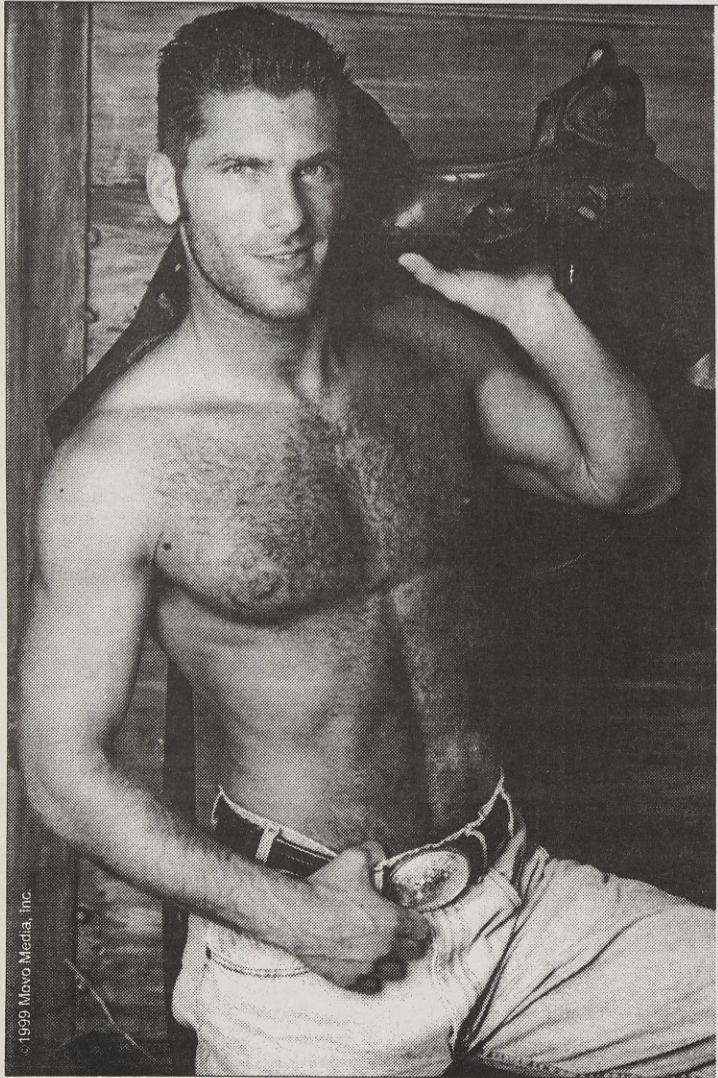
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GOLDEN BEAR MORTGAGE CORP. 4401 Hazel Ave., Suite 115, 466-9729

WHISLER FINANCIAL GROUP, CFP, 446-6666

WHITNEY & KILICK FINANCIAL SERVICES, 2321 Lloyd Ln., 486-8985

## FLIGHT INSTRUCTION

ROBERT FAY, Box 188651, 282-5858

## FLORISTS

BLOOMING ART, 1901 Capitol Ave., 442-3800

CRESTVIEW FLORIST, Manzanita & Winding Way, 482-7974

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PATRICK'S FURNITURE REFINISHING AND UPHOLSTERY, 1800 Vernon St., #6, Roseville, 786-6615

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## HAIR

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THE ASSOCIATES HAIR DESIGN, 3714 J St. 455-0667

PAT MEDINA, 4840 Folsom Blvd, 457-1000

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CHANNEL 6, KVIE, Ose Community Room, 2595 Capitol Oaks Dr, 929-5843

SMUD BUILDING, 6301 S St., 732-5310

VERONA VILLAGE RESORT, 6985 Garden Hwy., 4200 Sq. Ft. Banquet Hall, 448-0706

MUSICIANS HALL, 1925 Del Paso Blvd., 565-2500

## HERBS

URBAN HERBALIST, 1731 L St., 447-4372

## HOTELS/INNS/RESORTS

EDGEWATER RESORT, 6420 Soda Bay Rd., Kelseyville, Clearlake, 707/279-0208

HARTLEY HOUSE Bed and Breakfast Inn, 700 22nd St., 447-7829

LA RESIDENCE COUNTY INN, 4066 St. Helena Hwy., Napa Valley, CA 94558; David & Craig, 707/253-0337

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PEANUTS CLEANING SERVICE, 806-0763

## INFORMATION

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## INSURANCE

ALLSTATE, DAN HUFFMAN, 5300 Madison Ave., Suite A, 344-3095

SUE WOLF, FARMERS INSURANCE, 5659 Foothill Blvd., 421-0390

WRIGHT & KIMBROUGH, 3231 Ramos Circle #100, 362-6666

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SACWEB, 446-7457, 888/772-2932

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ARAREITY FINE JEWELRY, 1021 R St., 446-1535

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## LANDSCAPING

D&L Landscaping Lic. #108826, 375-1543

## MAIL BOX RENTAL/SHIPPING

PARCEL PLUS, 3104 O Street, 731-4440

## NURSERY

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## NOTARIES

NOTARIES, 446-1535

## OPTOMETRISTS

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## Announcements

### RUNNING/WALKING CLUB

Sacramento has a GL running club! Come join FrontRunners/walkers on one of our weekly fun runs. All levels are encouraged to participate 974-8199

### GAY MEN'S GROUP

Weekly group for TWENTIES (19-20) gay men on topics of sexuality, partners, job problems, family issues Tuesdays 7:30-9pm, \$24/week - Call David Hoefer 452-4224

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My mom is looking for a house or lot to build a home on in LandPark, Curtis Park, River Park, CSUS, Sierra Oaks, Sierra Vista areas. Linda, 441-6397

## Employment

### \$500 PER WEEK

Fun and easy work - stuff envelopes and prepare kits for exciting Rain Forest product line...Perfect for everyone. Send S.A.S.E. to K.H. Box 101-162 5150 FairOaks Blvd Carmichael, CA 95608

**DO YOU WANT TO FLEX YOUR MUSCLES?**

I need someone for one afternoon to pitch fork some woodchips - \$6/hour, Linda 441-6397

### BARISTA FOR NEW CAFE

Be a part of the fastest growing hot spot in downtown Sacramento. New artistic cafe needs a Barista with opening experience. KZ's Cafe 1630 K St. Home of Unity Entertainment

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### POLICE CADET/OFFICER

The mission of the Sacramento Police Department is to work in partnership with the community to protect life, property, help solve neighborhood problems and enhance the quality of life in our city. The candidate should be interested in progressive styles policing, community, neighborhood, and problem oriented policing. Police Cadet is a

classification in which candidates for Police Officer train in a P.O.S.T. certified police academy conducted by the Sacramento Police Department. Upon successful completion of the training and graduation from the academy, a Police Cadet eligible for probationary appointment to the sworn civil service classification of Police Officer. Police Cadet Salary: \$1,953 Police Officer Salary: \$2,649 - \$4,389 264-5726

### WEB PRODUCTION INTERN

MGW seeks internet-savvy college students for an unpaid internship in Web design and production. The interns will be responsible for architecture to the design of pages and art elements. An applicant should be able to show us his or her Web pages as well as experience with HTML-authoring tools (Such as Bbed .7) and design tools like Photoshop and Illustrator. MGW, 441-6397

### DELIVERY DRIVERS WANTED

Applications are being accepted for MGW Newspaper delivery drivers. Must be available on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. 441-6397

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College internships available at MGW Newspaper in graphics, reporting, photography, computers, ad sales, public relations, financial and artists. Units are given in 195/199 or 295/299. Contact your advisor in your department and call MGW, 441-6397

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MGW Newspaper is accepting applications for Account Executives. Applicants must enjoy talking to business owners, be neat in appearance, and have transportation.

Newspaper and telemarketing experience helpful. Great Commissions! If you would like a career that is constantly changing call 441-6397

### For Rent

#### ROOM FOR RENT

Citrus Heights Area - Close to sunrise \$300/month + \$100 deposit, phone - Rob, 729-9415

#### MONTHLY PARKING DOWNTOWN

Near 8<sup>th</sup> and F. Reserved spaces on a very secure block. Unlimited in and out access, \$65 Call 446-4982.

#### ROOM FOR RENT

## Earn Great Pay and Serve Your Community!

The Cities and Fire Departments of Burlingame, Emeryville, Foster City, Gilroy, Millbrae, Monterey, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Piedmont, Rincon Valley FPD, San Bruno, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Clara County and Santa Rosa will be holding a joint recruitment for **FIREFIGHTER and/or PARAMEDICS**.



Cooperative Personnel Services (CPS), a government agency, is conducting the recruitment for the above agencies for Firefighters or Paramedics. One written test will be valid for all 15 agencies for one year. The test will be held on March 13, 1999. To obtain test registration materials, call the CPS automated information line at (916) 263-3644 or via the Internet at [www.cps.ca.gov](http://www.cps.ca.gov). There is a \$30.00 test registration fee payable to CPS in the form of a cashier's check or Money Order. Test fee waivers are available for registrants who meet financial hardship guidelines. All test registrants will receive a Candidate Orientation and Test Preparation Guide. Registration closes March 1, 1999.

Free Test Preparation classes are available. Call CPS for dates and locations.

(916) 263-3644

**Minorities and Women are strongly encouraged to apply.**

El Dorado Hills share 4 Bdrm House w/2 gay females. Gay Female preferred, \$250/month + 1/3 utilities. No pets, smokers - outside only. Available 1-20-99, 933-1433

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### DUPLEX FOR RENT - CARMICHAEL

2-Bedroom, 1 bath, H/AC, Automatic Garage Door, \$650/month, #5642 Clark Ave., Call 486-1005 after 5:30pm

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### SMALL OFFICE/STUDIO/COTTAGE

Good as an artist studio, writers studio, project studio, etc. 200 sq ft, day use only, NOT a live in situation. 441-6397

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### APARTMENTS & HOUSES

Apartments and houses for rent, many in Midtown Sacramento. Come by our offices 24hrs a day for a list - 1808 Q St., Suite C. Whisler Land Company. 448-1999

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### For Sale

#### BEAUTIFUL 2-STORY HOME

2700 Square foot, 2 story contemporary, wrap around decked, 2 master bedroom suites, 3 bathrooms, 2 lofts, central H/A, central vacuum, dumb-waiter, Just miles off Hwy 49, 8 miles south of I-80 at Auburn, for \$289,500. Call 530-823-8112 for appt

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### VIDEO DIRECTORY

Gay Video Directory: 212 color pages, 1,000 video reviews, plot, erotic content, \$10.95. AGV, Dept. 4055-8, 8060 Melrose Ave., L.A., 90046-7082

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### RAINBOW STICKERS

Rainbow decals, stickers, AIDS ribbons. MGW office, 1725 L St. @ 18th St. 441-6397

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### Pets

#### ANIMAL PLACE RESCUE

Vacaville, CA 707-449-4814

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**MGW Classified Policy:** Check your Ad. Credit only for errors. Deadline 10th & 25th. Ads must be paid in advance. No refunds, no phone orders. Cancellation fee: \$10 service charge. MGW Newspaper will not accept classified advertising that is discriminatory per Govern. Code, Sec. 12955. Calif. Fair Employment and Housing Act. Ads may not contain language that is discriminatory based on sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV/AIDS), mental disability, medical condition, age and/or marital status. ▼

**WORKING PETS**  
Pets: Do you go to work with your mom or dad? Mom or Dad: MGW Newspaper would like to feature you and your pet. Send us a photo with caption or call 441-6397

### DACHSHUNDS

Dachshunds Rescue need homes, all types. Pat 443-0244

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### Services

#### GARDENING NEWSLETTER

Sacramento Gardening Notes is a gardening newsletter just for our area, our climate - 1-year subscription (11 issues) for \$10.78. Send check to: Robert Hamm, 5209 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95820. 3/1/99

**ALLERGIES/ASTHMA? MOLD? ODORS?**

NEEDED! Homes to evaluate revolutionary air purification system. We give you a gift to participate in our no obligation 3 day trial. Call 387-5830

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#### TRY PHOTOGRAPHY BY LARRY

Location portraits, celebrations, couples or personal requests. Consultations, private processing offered. Larry 645-8447, 800-916-FOTO

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#### BODYWORK FOR MEN!

Big man, powerful hands. Full body, hot oil massage. \$45-1hr, \$55-1.5hr. Markus, 442-6729, <http://www.finerpleasures.com>

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#### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

North Hall, 2015 J St., #32. Nightly 8pm. Don 486-0331, Karla, 568-6714

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### Wanted

**DONATED MAC/PCS**  
Laptops and desktop computers needed for MGW reporters. Plain paper fax machine also needed. Call 441-6397

### NIGHTTIME CARE TAKER

In need for nighttime woman to assist an independent disabled woman, free room and board. Call 334-1719 or 729-1038

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### HOME TO SHARE

Man and his Golden Retriever need to share home. Would consider tutoring or child care as part of package. I clean but don't mow, male or female ok. Call Stef at 600-9890

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### INFLATABLE RAFT WANTED

Rigid inflatable raft (Avon, West Marine, Zodiac, etc.) with motor. Prefer small 10ft. Must be in good working condition, please. 441-6397

### HANDY PEOPLE NEEDED

Do you know any G/L masonry people, roofers, plumbers, electricians, carpet companies or painters? We want to keep the money in the community. MGW Referral Service. 441-6397

### FREE OLD CAMERAS WANTED

Looking for old cameras, working/not working. Clean out the attic or closet and bring in that old camera. They will be used to decorate the office at MGW Newspaper. Drop by 1725 L St. or call 441-6397

### MISC.

### DARK ROOM CAMERA

Horizontal Halftone Camera. It is old (built by Clydesdale), but works great!!! Comes with processor. Great for a graphic artist or school that offers printing classes. Free to non-profit organization or small donation would be nice. MGW, 441-6397



## For Sale In Auburn

2700 square foot, 2 story, contemporary home sits on 5.6 oak studded acres. A white corral fence defines the property and 1+ acres is fenced for livestock. Spacious interior features, 2 master bedroom suites, 3 bathrooms, 2 lofts, large wall spaces for displaying your art in natural light, skylights, solar screens, central H/A, central vacuum, dumb-waiter, an extraordinary amount of oak shelves in the family room, oak cabinets and Italian tile counter tops and floors in the kitchen. Just 1/2 mile off Hwy 49, 8 miles south of I-80 at Auburn. \$289,500 Call (530) 823-8112 for an appointment to see.

## CLASSIFIEDS/BUSINESS DIRECTORY/FREE VOICE PERSONALS

**DEADLINE:** 20th for first issue, 8th for fifteenth issue

### 1 Circle Ad Type

- Business Directory
- Classified Ad
- Free Voice Personal

### 2 Circle Category

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|---------------|---------------------|
| Announcements | Men Seeking Men     |
| Employment    | Lesbians / Lesbians |
| Freebies      | Couples/Couples     |
| For Rent      | Just Friends        |
| For Sale      | I Saw You           |
| Roommates     | Bi-Encounters       |
| Services      | TV/TS Encounters    |
| Misc.         | Other               |
| Wanted        |                     |
| Other:        |                     |

### 3 Payments:

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| Business Directory Listing .....                  | \$15 |
| Voice Personals up to 30 words .....              | FREE |
| Personal Classified up to 30 words .....          | \$10 |
| Business/Services Classified up to 30 words ..... | \$20 |
| Additional Words @ 40¢ each .....                 |      |
| Multiply amount by # of issues = Total \$ .....   |      |

#### Policies

- All ads must be prepaid. No ads containing explicit sexual references or crude language accepted. \$10 service charge assessed on refunds for cancelled ads. We reserve the right to abbreviate, edit, categorize, or refuse any ad. Do not write your ad in capitol letters. Include full name, address & daytime phone number on coupon. MGW will not accept your ad without phone numbers for verification. This information will be kept strictly confidential. No phone orders. No cash refunds. \$25 will be charged for bounced checks.
- **Voice Personals**

# CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY

### 1 Monday

FRONT RUNNERS & WALKERS, McKinley Park (by tennis courts), 6:30pm, 974-8199  
MEN'S DISCUSSION SUPPORT GROUP, Lambda Center, 6pm, 920 20<sup>th</sup> St. #117, 442-0185  
M.C.C. Christian Services, 7pm, Channel 17 or 73, 456-8600

ANYTHING GOES Presented by Runaway Stage Productions, 207-1226

### 2 Tuesday

FARMERS MARKET-COUNTRY CLUB CENTRE, 8-11:30am, El Camino & Watt, in front of Office Depot  
BREAKING BARRIERS, Volunteer Orientation 6:30pm, 447-2437  
SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, County of Sac - 4<sup>th</sup> District, 875-6155  
THE ANATOMY OF PLEASURE, 415-974-8980  
CAPITAL SQUARES - gay & lesbian square dancing at Jefferson Elementary School, 2001 Pebblewood Drive, 6:30-8:30, contact George 3929-8697, capacitysq@aol.com  
M.C.C. Christian Services, 11am, Channel 17 or 73, 456-8600

ANYTHING GOES Presented by Runaway Stage Productions, 207-1226

### 3 Wednesday

FRONT RUNNERS & WALKERS, McKinley Park (by tennis courts), 6:30pm, 974-8199  
NAMES PROJECT - QUILT SEWING BEES: 484-4164  
ANYTHING GOES Presented by Runaway Stage Productions, 207-1226

### 4 Thursday

HIV Protease inhibitor support group, meets at Sacto. AIDS Foundation, 1330 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30-9:00pm - Info: Call Dariel #452-4224  
SUPPORT GROUP for those w/HIV, 452-4224

BEING ALIVE LIVING ROOM, Lambda Center, 2:30pm, 920 20<sup>th</sup> St. #117, 442-0185



**Artist Reception, Friday, February 12, 7-9pm**

C.O.D.A., Lambda Center, 7:30pm, 920 20<sup>th</sup> St. #117, 442-0185

### THEATRE/DANCE

AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE THEATRE, *Inherit the Wind*, April 23 - May 2, *Ants-hillvania*, April & May, Info: 916-484-8234  
THE ACTOR'S THEATRE, *Of Mice and Men*, Jan. 21-March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1616 Del Paso Blvd. 564-5780  
ANNIE'S PRESENTS - *Full Moon at Half Price*, 8pm, 20 Annie Street, San Francisco, 415-777-9444  
B STREET THEATRE, *Timothy Busfield to Star in The Motor Trade*, Jan. 13 - Feb. 21, 2711 B St., 443-5300  
BEYOND THE PROSCENIUM PRODUCTIONS, *Angels In America Part Two: Perestroika*, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>-Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, Solano Hall DanceSpace, CSUS Campus 922-9774  
CAMELLIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, *The Camellia Tippett Festival: Three Generations of Hope*, Jan. 30-31, A California Perspective, March 13<sup>th</sup>; Of Pipes and Dreams May 22, 7:30pm, Sac Men's Chorus, Dec. 18 - 20 (at the First United Methodist Church, 21<sup>st</sup> & J); Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., 929-6655  
CHARACTER PLAYHOUSE, *The Member of the Wedding*, Jan 15<sup>th</sup> - Feb 20<sup>th</sup>; *A Slight Case Of Murder*, March 5<sup>th</sup> - April 10<sup>th</sup>; *Meat and Buffalo*, April 23<sup>rd</sup> - May 29<sup>th</sup>; 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael, 489-PLAY  
COMIC PRESS NEWS, *Presents Wil Duss in a Benefit Show for the SAF*, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>; Putch Line Comedy Club, 2100 Arden Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> level, 446-4402  
DANCE MISSION THEATRE - *Yucatan Blue and Other Dances* presented by ABD Productions, Feb. 5 - 7, Queen of Sheba Jan. 22-Feb. 2, 3316 - 24<sup>th</sup> Street at Mission, San Francisco, 415-522-8793  
EAGLE THEATRE, *An Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*, Mar 5 - April 10, *The Pirates of Penzance*, April 30 - June 5, *Nonsense*, June 25 - July 31, Cole Porter's Anything Goes, Jan - Dec 13, 925 Front St., Old Sac, 207-1226  
GARBEAU'S DINNER THEATRE, *Nonsense* by Dan Goggin, Jan 8 - Feb 1, 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, CA 916-985-6361  
GEERY THEATRE, *An Evening of One Acts*, April 30<sup>th</sup>- May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2130 L St.  
GURNELL HALL - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir, 3109 Sacramento Street, Placerville, 530-622-9549  
LAMBDA PLAYERS, *Cloud 9*, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> St. Theatre, *An Evening of One Acts*, April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 22<sup>nd</sup>, The Geery Theatre, 484-4742  
MCCLAIN WOMEN'S CULTURAL ARTS CLUB, Linda Tillary & CHC, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, *Terry Gartheite & Barbara Borden*, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm, *Cris Williamson & Trel Fure*, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, *Alivel*, April 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, *Uta Matthes*, April 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, *Alix Dobkin & Copper Wimmin*, July 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 1650 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, 510-339-1832  
NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY, *Dvorak and Beethoven* featured, Feb 7, 3pm and Feb 9, 8pm, *Zull Bailey*, Cello, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>; Eric Ruske, French Horn, March 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>; Amy Oshiro, April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2407 California Blvd., Napa, 707-226-6872  
NELSON ART Friends, 6 Annual Artists' Valentines benefit exhibition, Jan. 25 - Feb 13, One Shields Avenue, University of California, Davis, 95616  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ACTOR'S THEATRE, NCAT to Present Sondheim Musical, Feb 5-21, 8pm, 530-757-3817  
OPHEUM THEATRE, "Evita" Opens Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> - tickets on sale as of Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, 1192 Market St., SF, 415-776-1999  
RIVER STAGE, *Playwright's Festival Of New Work*, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, *BlackBallin*, April 17<sup>th</sup>; *Waiting For Summer*, July 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 8401 Center Parkway, 688-7364  
SACRAMENTO BALLET, *Shakespeare, Rock and Rubies at the Ballet*, Feb 11 - 14, *Hamlet and Hamlet*, Feb. 11 - 14, *Hamlet & Fluctuating Hamlets*, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, *Rodeo & Etosha*, March 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, Community Center Theatre, 1301 L St., 552-5882  
SACRAMENTO CITY ACTOR'S THEATRE, *Hay Fever*, Feb 26<sup>th</sup> - March 27<sup>th</sup>, *Lend Me A Tenor*, April 23<sup>rd</sup> - May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3635 K Street, Blvd., 558-2228  
SACRAMENTO LIGHT OPERA, *1776 Declares Independence at The Sac Community Center Theater*, Feb. 11 - 14, *Hamlet & Fluctuating Hamlets*, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, *Rodeo & Etosha*, March 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, Community Center Theatre, 1301 L St., 552-5882  
SACRAMENTO MENS CHORUS, *Souvenirs*, March 13<sup>th</sup>, *Flashpoint Stonewall*, June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 8pm, 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church, 2100 J St., 444-5213  
SACRAMENTO OPERA, *The Merry Widow*, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>-Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> 1999, 264-5181  
SACRAMENTO THEATRE COMPANY, *Skylight* by David Hare, Jan 12 - Feb 7, *The Gin Game*, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>-March 21<sup>st</sup>, *The Last Night of the Ballyhoo*, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 21<sup>st</sup>, *Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years*, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>-May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1419 H St., 443-6722  
SAN FRANCISCO'S THEATRE ON THE SQUARE, Sandra Bernhard's *Triumphant I'm Still Here... Damn It!*, Feb 2-28, 414 Mason Street, Suite 201, S.F., 415-438-9933  
SPORTS LEISURE TRAVEL, *Titanic: A New Musical*, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 361-2051  
THEATRE RHINOCEROS, *10 Naked Men*, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>-Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, *Single Black Female*, March 11<sup>th</sup>-April 10<sup>th</sup>, *Fed Up: A Cannibal's Own Story*, May 6<sup>th</sup>-June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2926 16<sup>th</sup> St., SF, 415-861-5079  
TODAY AND TOMORROW PLAYERS, *Rigoletto*, Little Opera Hall, Feb 6, *Showboat*, April 17<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 605 H St., Modesto, CA 95355-6426  
UC DAVIS PRESENTS, *Doonesbury*, creator Garry Trudeau to speak at Davis, Feb 3, Freeborn Hall, 8pm, Salif Keita, "The Golden voice of Africa," Feb 12, at Freeborn Hall, 8pm, *Acclaimed Russian Ensemble Trio Voronezh*, Varsity Theatre in downtown Davis, 8pm, 757-3199  
UC DAVIS DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS SERIES, Professor Steven Jay, Jan 25<sup>th</sup>; Garry Trudeau, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>; Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, March 9<sup>th</sup>; Doris Kearns Goodwin, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 8pm, Freeborn Hall, 530-757-3199  
VENUE 9 - Alabama Bound, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, January 15-23, 8pm, 252-9<sup>th</sup> Street (at Folsom), San Francisco, 415-289-2000  
THE WOMEN'S PHILHARMONIC, Performs *Thea Musgrave's Three Women*, Jan 23, 8pm, at the Herbst Theatre, War Memorial Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, 415-437-0123  
WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE -Audition Monolog Workshop, Feb 13 at WOH, Our Town, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum, April 9<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>; *The Foreigner*, May 21<sup>st</sup>-June 21<sup>st</sup>, 340 2nd St., 530-666-9617  
YERBA BUENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, SF Jewish Film Festival presents *How I Learned to Overcome My Fear and Love*, Arik Sharon and Song of Gathlee, Feb 24, 8pm, SF Cinematheque presents Reanimating Cinema: *Zoe Beloff* Performs, Feb 25, SF Performances presents Dance/Screen, March 2, 7pm, Film Arts Foundation presents True Stories, March 10, 8 pm, 701 Mission St. & 3rd St. SF, 415-648-4848

Call for ticket reservations, times prices, and additional information.

### 5 Friday

BEING GAY TODAY, 2pm, Channels 17 or 73  
ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT, "Cheshire Rose" Bookstore, 987-6263

GAY YOUTH GROUP, 6:30pm, 1722 J St. @ Breaking Barriers, 442-0185

### 6 Saturday

FRONT RUNNERS & WALKERS, East side of Guy West Bridge (by CSUS), 9am, 974-8199

ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT, "Cheshire Rose" Bookstore, 987-6263

FARMERS MARKET-SUNRISE MALL, 8am-12pm, behind Sears

BEING GAY TODAY, 6am, Channel 17 or 73

BREAKING BARRIERS, Volunteer Orientation 10am-12noon, 447-2437

### 7 Sunday

FRONT RUNNERS & WALKERS, East side of Guy West Bridge (by CSUS), 9am, 974-8199

ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT, "Cheshire Rose" Bookstore, 987-6263

FARMERS MARKET-CAPITAL CITY FREEWAY, 8am-12pm, 8<sup>th</sup> & W St., under Capitol City Freeway

## EVENTS MASTER CALENDAR

SAF Oscar Night America A Hollywood Affair	March 21, 1999
GLBT Youth Lobby Day - State Capitol	March 22, 1999
Millennium March on WA for Equality 612-822-0127x500	March 22, 1999
S.F. International G/L Film Festival	March 20, 2000
SAF Gay Pride Day	April 1, 1999
Lambda P冗ne Drive, 442-0185	April 1, 1999
SAF Enchanted Evening	April 1, 1999
Sacramento G/L Freedom Fair, 863-3018	April 1, 1999
Gay/Lesbian Pride Month	April 1, 1999
SAF SAC Light Opera Presents the SAC Music Circus	April 1, 1999
San Diego G/L Pride Celebration	April 1, 1999
SAC LG Boat Parade	April 1, 1999
SIERRA STAMPEDE, 451-9439	April 1, 1999
SAF The Grand Gatsby, 448-2437x228	April 1, 1999
Sac Rainbow Festival	April 1, 1999
S.F. Folsom Street Fair, 415-861-3247	April 1, 1999
SAF AIDS Walk, 448-2437 x228	April 1, 1999
Chico Freedom Festival, 893-3336	April 1, 1999
S.F. Castro Street Fair, 415-467-3354	April 1, 1999
S.F. LGBT Pride Celebration, 415-467-3354	April 1, 1999
Coming Out Day	April 1, 1999
Sacramento Intl. Film Festival, 558-6598	April 1, 1999
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	April 1, 1999
MGW Newspaper 21 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary	April 1, 1999
Celebration: Harvey Milk & George Moscone's Lives	April 1, 1999
SAC Domestic Partners Law Anniversary 1992	April 1, 1999
World AIDS Day	April 1, 1999
SAF Let the Miracles Begin	April 1, 1999
CAP/PAC Annual Dinner, 736-2722	April 1, 1999
Capital City AIDS Dance-O-Rama, 448-AIDS	April 1, 1999

### 9 Tuesday

LUST & ROMANCE BOOK SIGNING, 415-974-8980

SACRAMENTO VALLEY LEATHERMEN, Regular Board Meeting at the Open Book, 338-3760

AIDS INTERFAITH NETWORK MEETING, 7pm, Location Changes, 481-5487

FARMERS MARKET-COUNTRY CLUB CENTRE, 8-11:30am, El Camino & Watt, in front of Office Depot

CAPITAL SQUARES - gay & lesbian square dancing at Jefferson Elementary School, 2001 Pebblewood Drive, 6:30-8:30; contact George 3929-8697, capacitysq@aol.com

M.C.C. Christian Services, 11am, Channel 17 or 73, 456-8600

WEAVE Works Sweethearts Soiree Benefit, featuring the Stacey Barlett Band, 554-2412

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

GAY YOUTH GROUP, 6:30pm, 1722 J St. @ Breaking Barriers, 442-0185

### 10 Wednesday

OVER FORTY GROUP, 6 pm Cocktails, 7 pm Dinner, Canterbury Hotel, Info: Rick @ 686-4312

SACRAMENTO VALLEY LEATHERMEN, Regular Monthly business meeting, 7pm, 338-3760

BREAKING BARRIERS, Volunteer Orientation 5:30-7:30pm, 447-2437

FRONT RUNNERS & WALKERS, McKinley Park by CSUS, 9am, 974-8199

DISNEY ON ICE, Arco Arena, 7:30pm, 442-0957</p

# So, Are You Going to Say Yes?

## Happy Valentine's Day: Wedding Workbook for the "Planning-Impaired"

After careful consideration, you have decided to take the big plunge. You want to affirm your love and commitment by entering into a holy union. "Careful planning can help avoid a lot of the stressful things that can ruin your perfect day," says Rev. Amy Long, Sacramento author of the new book, *The Ultimate Wedding/Ceremony Workbook For The-Impaired*. Having officiated at numerous commitment Holy Unions and wedding ceremonies, Long says, "One of the most stressful things about planning a ceremony is trying to keep all the decisions (and questions) in your head and wondering if you've covered your bases." The book has large print and perforated pages to you can tear them out and either delegate the tasks or take them with you as needed. The book is broken down into sections, making it easy for the couple to plan each part separately.

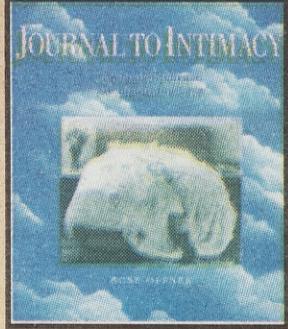
For those who are 'budget-challenged,' there are numerous ideas for saving money. For instance, inexpensive halls can be rented through local parks, recreation centers, and clothes can be found in consignment shops and newspaper ads. During her eight years as minister, Long has developed some unique non-denominational ceremonies. "More and more people are wanting to have input on what goes into their ceremonies," says Long, "so I have created a way from people to customize a ceremony to suit their personal needs." The Appendix contains all the words any couple needs to create a beautiful, memorable, personal ceremony.

Regardless of the budget, many couples these days are finding that time is their most valuable commodity. "With my book, all they need is a phone book, a pencil and a telephone and the hard part is done," says Long. "It's a workbook, so don't be afraid to write in it, make notes in it and tear out pages." *The Ultimate Wedding/Ceremony Workbook For The 'Planning-Impaired'*, \$16.95, Apex Publications, Box 2166, Elk Grove, CA 95759, 800-929-7889. Rev. Amy Long is also available to perform commitment ceremonies and can be reached at 535-7685. ▼

## Journal to Intimacy

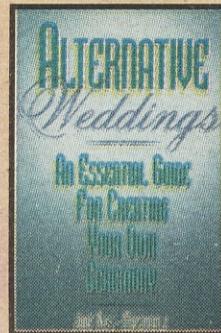
For couples looking for a way to find real intimacy, and build a solid, loving partnership, *Journal to Intimacy* by Rose Offner can give them the inspiration and guidance they seek. A journal that provides the interaction that you and your partner deserve. Filled with guided exercises and romantic images, *Journal to Intimacy* will teach you and your partner to communicate better, fostering a greater understanding of each other's needs and an increased confidence in your ability to talk freely about yourselves and

your relationship. What better gift to give yourselves for Valentines Day! Info: (510) 559-1600. ▼



## Alternative Weddings

When considering the traditional notions of marriage are in the face of a 50 percent divorce rate, the recent furor over homosexual marriages and decreasing membership in organized religions are only a few of the reasons marriage in the '90s is so complicated. Alternative Weddings fulfills a need offering information on how to infuse a ceremony with personal significance or simply spice up a conventional ceremony by incorporating elements from various religious and non-religious traditions. Info: 800-677-2800 x8582 ▼



This Valentine's Day, Vermont Teddy Bear Co. has Teddies Hot-to-Trot. (Horny) Lil' Devil: In fiery red fur, this bear is a tease in its horned cap, matching red briefs and heart shaped tail. Info: Cal Workman (802) 985-1362

## Marriage, Who Needs It?

by Lee Nichols  
MGW/Contributing Editor

From the dawn of time until quite recently marriage was a commercial transaction through which men bought sex slaves. Three pigs and a sack of corn got a man a wife, and if she didn't "put out" he was free to put her out in the cold, or, if he liked, to rape her. Hell, he'd bought and paid for her so nobody could tell him what he could and couldn't do with her.

Sex, of course, often produced children, children who were—until the industrial revolution—economic assets, assets which were owned by the man, just as he owned his ox. The only "family value" that counted was the value of the food the family produced. The idea that "love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage," as Sinatra sang, is a mythology of very recent invention.

Unfortunately a lot of lesbians and gay men seem to have bought into the new mythology and now feel deprived because they are denied access to the ceremonial ritual. Most would, of course, delete "obey" from the promise to "love and honor," but they'd still vow to stay together 'til death did them part. But it is divorce, not death, that parts most straight marriages, and it will be divorce, not death, that will sunder gay marriages when—when not if—they are finally made legal. One day, probably within a decade, the Supreme Court will apply to this issue the logic Justice Kennedy articulated in Romer v. Evans and will find that all laws that single out homosexuals for "special" denials of rights, or which apply "special" punishment for sex acts by homosexuals are unconstitutional.

But that day is not yet here so for the next two years our energy and our economic resources will be diverted to the campaign to defeat doddering old "Pete" Knight's Defense of Marriage initiative. Like you, I'll sign up to help defeat it and I'll give money I can ill afford, and all the while I'll be wondering why. Why aren't I working to achieve equal benefits for the partners of those who can't, or chose not to, marry? Why am I allowing the bastards to start fights that suck money from my wallet, money I ought to be spending on un-wedding presents for friends who've decided to share a bed for the foreseeable future.

On Saturday, January 16, I was proud to be among those present when Jeanne and Ellie's pledged their love in the public ceremony at the Convention Center. I was also proud of the religious leaders who stood up against the bigotry of their churches. But I could not keep my attention focused. I kept thinking of the things we really need. Help for run aways...and throw aways...who now must sell their bodies to survive, radical changes in our schools so lesbian and gay children can be protected from verbal and physical assault, freedom from police "stings" that catch gay men cruising for sex...just like straight guys do at singles bars, the right to be treated by the IRS just like heterosexuals, the right to be secure in employment and, most of all, the guarantee that how we have sex can not be used to deny to anyone the rights and privileges enjoyed by any other citizen of the United States. That, not marriage, is what I wish we were fighting for.

## Special Valentine Wishes

### To Mother!

My clairvoyant energy tells me we were lovers in a past life. Thanks for giving me the best years I can't remember! Love, Your Old Goat Father!

### Mark Loves Steve

Whether reading in your armchair, dancing in your underwear, or cuddling on the sofa, you are ALWAYS my favorite guy!

David P. of Elk Grove

You are very special person and I am so glad you are a part of my life.

Gary Miller

### My Chowdy

You set me free, I love tou with all of my heart and allof my soul Happy Valentines Day

To My Weasel From Your Beaver

Your sparkling eyes which dance in the velvet sunset make me love you more and more as the days pass.

### Who Loves Ya , Baby!

I do! Ada, I said it a year ago , I would say it again! Would You?

Your loving wife ,Hope

### Gale

The way you talk in your sleep, stand sideways to shoot pool, laugh, create & give, show yourself to me .The way I feel when you come through the door. When I put my arm around your waist . Two years later and I

still can't get enough of you. All my love ,Lisa

### Shon

This Valentines Day I just want to thank you for all of your love, support, and understanding, these past three years. I love you very much!

David

### Piano Man

I can't get over a guy like you. Get up. Go to the gym for your heart on Valentines. Love, Russel

My Cubscout

Thank's for making my life complete. I love you more than ever. Happy Valentine's Day my #1.

Forever Your's. Your Skycowboy

### To Dravo

When all the world doesn't make sense and I'm about to be afraid, you are there then I'm OK. I love you.

Robert

### My Sweet Baby,

Your soul inspired candle light, Relieves the darkness from the night, Into your eyes my heart does flow, And forever our love will grow.

Always, Charlene

### Erickson

Three and a half years since we met and you're still my favorite valentine.Be mine!

Love,Darin

### Noland from Jo

Our nine years together have taught me so much.

Thank You for sharing your life and your love with me.

### Happy Valentine's Day

B. I don't have a clever phrase to impart , just simple honest words from the heart. I love you. K.

### H.B.T.N. Luvs Lut

My life is brighter because I met you . Until the ocean doesn't touch the sand , I will be your friend.

### Froggy

Happy Valentines to my one and only. You mean the world to me I can't till the day we wed. I love Baby.

Love, Your Angel

### To my Portuguese Man

Dear Rick A.

I have imagined happiness..

Happiness you cannot imagine...

Happiness you must feel, joy you must feel..Oh

this is great happiness and joy I feel now with you. Our friendship and time together is a special happiness,

So dear lovely friend, remember this...Faith is to believe what you do not see; The reward for this faith is to see what you believe. I love you dear friend, as you know. Always Yours,

David Y.

### Mat,

You are my dearest friend, and I could never live

without you.

Brian

Pooh,

Can you still feel it? Me too... If it hasn't gone away yet after a year I know it won't...

Love, Piglet

### The Love Of My Life

Cheryl- You are the love of my life. I love you

with all of my heart!

Be mine forever-Shawna

### Sacramento Sweetie

We met at SANS. You said "I'll call." I'm Dave 6-

foot tall.Please e-mail me again.

Prezin2000@aol.com

### May love bring you peace

Frank,I still love and remember you.

Michael

### Melissa

Happy Valentines Day Babe! I'm loving you

with all of my heart and soul, now until forever.

Love Always,

Michele

### You are my Sunshine!

Avery, I love you with all of my heart

Kas,

Let this be our destiny -To love , tolive, to begin each new day together, to share our lives together

Love, Frankie

### My Dear Mikey,

I thought forever seemed like such a long time until I met you. Now it's not long enough.

Love Den!

### My Two Green Eyed Babes!

Our Friendship has truly been that of a life experience. Times when we have laughed, when we have wanted to slap the hell out of each other, when we have cried, and yet,

through it all we have learned more about each other. It is for that reason, through it all, that I love you still. My love for you as the people you

are truly unconditional and I thank you for loving me with all my strengths and

weakness'!!! We are eternally friends...thank you!

### For My Honey,

Life has just not been the same since I met you...it's much better!

Love, Mary

### Peter Stiles in San Diego...BABY!!! :- !!!

Thank you for being my guy for the time we were together. Because of you and our shared experience I have grown...for that I can never forget you! You will always have a part of my heart and for that you will always be my Valentine....! Love Pooky!! Oh, have you finally

become secure with your yummy hairy bod? No more shaving?